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# JAPAN NEAR END OF HER TETHER

## DAUNTLESS THREE TO SEE WELLES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.  
SOMEWHAT BELATEDLY THE  
BERLIN NEWSPAPERS AND WIRE-  
LESS HAVE ANNOUNCED THE  
FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE  
NAZI CAPITAL OF MR. SUMNER  
WELLES, THE U.S. UNDER SECRE-  
TARY OF STATE.

The correspondent of the "Nieuwe  
Botterdamsche Courant" learns that  
Mr. Welles will be received by Hit-  
ler, Joachim von Ribbentrop (the  
Foreign Minister) and Field-Marshal  
Goering.

Meanwhile in Rome, the Italian  
Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, gave  
an audience to the U.S. Ambassador,  
Mr. William Phillips, and examined  
questions dealing with Mr. Welles'  
visit.—Havas.

### No Official Support For Report

London, To-day.  
The "News Chronicle" reports that  
the Pope has asked his agents in  
London, Paris and Berlin to sound  
out reactions to the forthcoming tour  
of U.S. Under-secretary of State Mr.  
Sumner Welles.

Enquiries at the Apostolic Delegation  
office in London do not support  
the report.—Reuter.

## SHOULD EMBASSY BE MOVED?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.  
Another aspect of the  
China situation will be raised  
in the House of Commons  
on Feb. 20 when Mr. Rupert  
de la Bere (Conservative,  
Evesham) will ask the Pre-  
mier if the Government will  
consider moving the British  
Embassy in China.

Mr. de la Bere will point out that  
the American and Russian Embassies  
enjoy a more favourable position by  
reason of their geographical proximity  
to the headquarters of the Chinese  
Government.

He will ask whether the British  
Government will not seek the same  
easy access for commercial and poli-  
tical negotiations.—Havas.

**WEATHER REPORT:**—North-East  
wind, fresh, cloudy.

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
IT IS PROBABLY TRUE THAT IN JAPAN THEY NO  
LONGER EXPECT VICTORY, EITHER THROUGH  
BATTLE OR THE SEIZURE OF TERRITORY,  
WRITES THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN."

Their hope is for China to fall to them at last by sheer  
exhaustion and disunity.

The sufferings in China are certainly immense and may  
be worse. Nevertheless so greatly are the rulers of  
the people changed since the days when they were the  
tools of any strong unscrupulous foreign power that  
their essential unity persists despite everything the  
Japanese can do.

What arms have not accomplished  
the Japanese think they can achieve  
by statecraft.

The plan is simplicity itself. Gen-  
eral Chiang Kai-shek surrenders and  
becomes, with Wang Ching-wei,  
Japan's instrument for establishing  
her "new order" in East Asia.

The only difficulty is that the plan  
seems to have no particular relation  
to the facts.—Reuter.

## CAUCASUS TROOP MOVEMENTS RUMOURED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
PERSISTENT BUT UNCONFIRM-  
ED RUMOURS ASSERT THAT RUS-  
SIA IS MASSING TROOPS IN THE  
CAUCASUS, ESPECIALLY IN THE  
VICINITY OF THE STRATEGIC  
BAKU OILFIELDS AND THE BAKU-  
BATUM PIPE-LINE.

IT IS RECALLED THAT SIMILAR  
CONCENTRATIONS WERE MADE  
LAST YEAR BUT THE RED TROOPS  
WERE WITHDRAWN AS A FRIEND-  
LY GESTURE TO TURKEY AFTER  
THE VISIT TO MOSCOW OF THE  
TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER.—  
HAVAS.

## MAERSK BOAT SUNK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

OSLO, TO-DAY.  
THE CREW OF THE MAERSK  
LINE FREIGHTER CHASTINE  
MAERSK WERE RESCUED AFTER  
THE SHIP WAS TORPEDOED BY A  
GERMAN SUBMARINE IN THE  
NORTH SEA WHILE ON THE WAY  
TO DENMARK FROM MOROCCO.

All 30 hands and officers are safe.  
—Havas.

The Chastine Maersk, a vessel of  
5,177 tons, was built in 1923 and last  
visited Hong Kong last year. She  
is a sister-ship of the Nicoline Maersk,  
which is now lying at Kowloon Docks.

### Nearing End Of Economic Tether

Washington, To-day.  
According to information  
reaching Government cir-  
cles here, Japan's economic  
future is being more and  
more threatened—especially  
by labour shortages, the rise  
in the cost of living, and the  
possibility of inflation.

The termination of the American-  
Japanese trade treaty and the threat  
of an embargo are causing added dis-  
location.

The Japanese are said to be order-  
ing heavy purchases of ore, tin, copper,  
etc., in view of a possible embargo  
soon.

Various currency measures have  
been suggested, one being that che-  
ques should be used instead of cash.

## NO OFFICIAL INTIMATION

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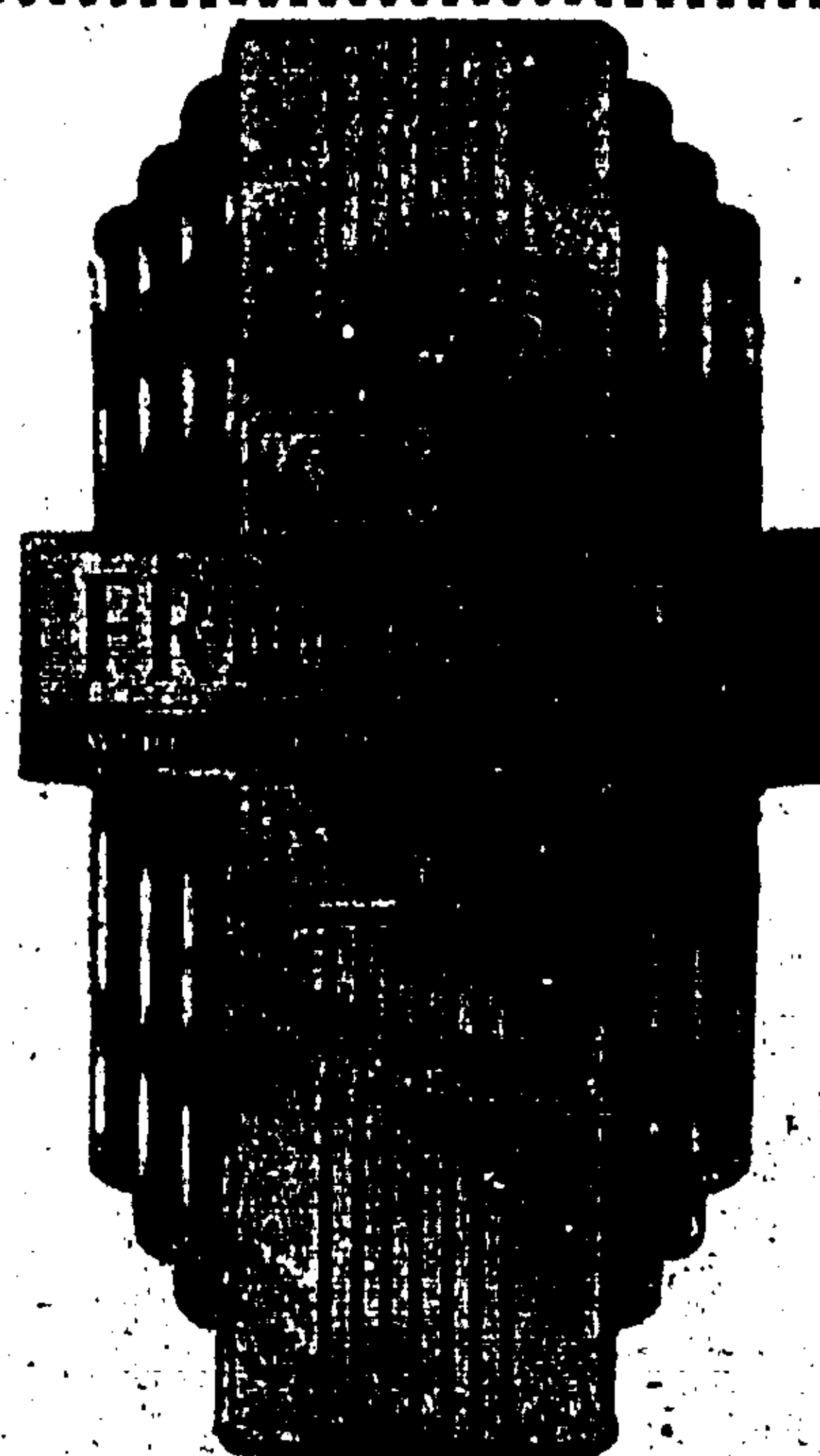
Washington, To-day.  
Mr. Cordell Hull declined to  
comment last night on the Nazi  
claim to the right to torpedo  
American ships which are diverted  
to British control bases.  
"We have no official informa-  
tion on the subject," he told  
journalists.—Havas.

## NAZI-SOVIET MILITARY ALLIANCE?

London, To-day.  
It is reported here that a Nazi-  
Soviet military agreement has been  
signed and will become effective if  
the war spreads to the Balkans, Near  
East or Scandinavia.—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.  
Reports of a military agreement are  
not confirmed in Berlin, where well-  
informed quarters suggest the rumours  
were "prepared in London to frighten  
Scandinavia."—Reuter.

The proposal for a Government  
lottery has, it is understood, been re-  
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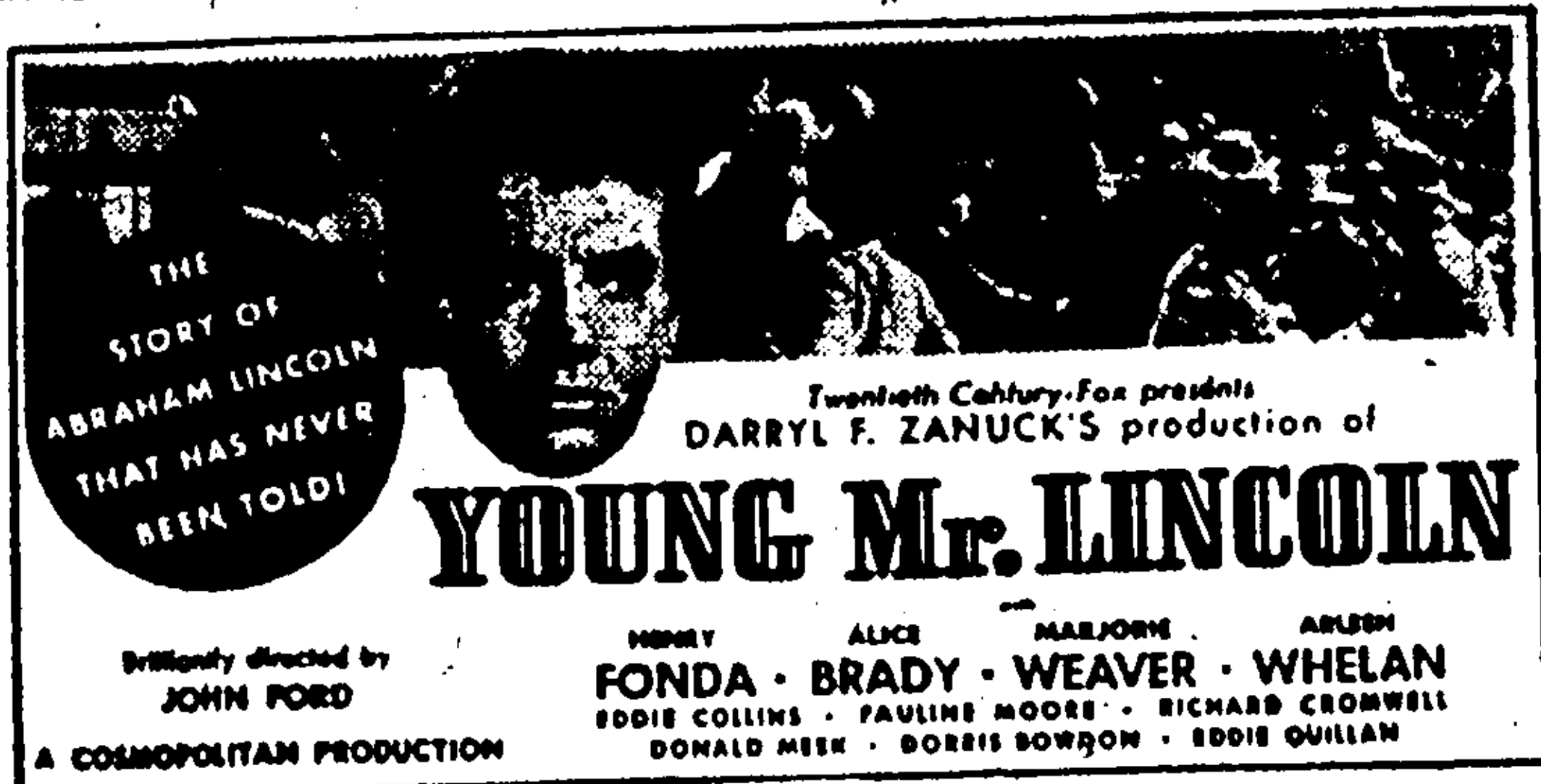
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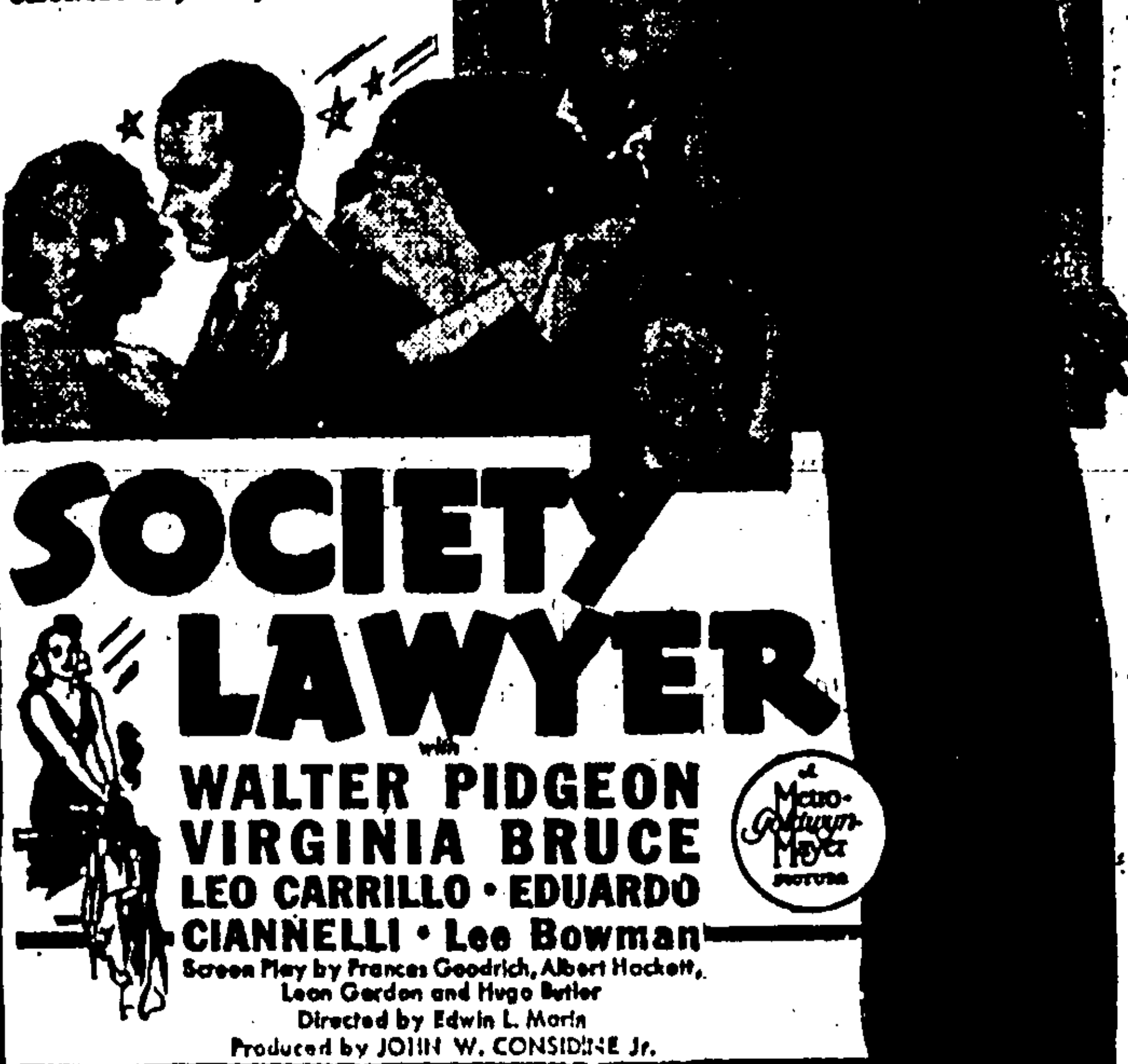
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MR. QUO TAI CHI SAYS:

## WAR IN CHINA AND WAR IN EUROPE ARE SAME

London, To-day.

MR. QUO TAI-CHI, THE Chinese Ambassador, spoke on the interactions of the war in China and Europe, at a luncheon given in his honour at the National Liberal Club yesterday, at which 250 were present.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi said: "There is no European war; there is no Asiatic war. There is a world war, and whether here, where you have hardly started fighting, or in Asia, where we have already drained our blood and our resources, it is the same war waged by the same opposing forces.

"So my first desire is to enter a caveat against the thinking which, in effect, would say 'Get the thing settled in Europe and everything else shall be added unto it.'"

"A European settlement, however achieved, settles nothing by itself, even for Europeans."

"The China coast means as much to you as the Baltic and the Balkans in every vital interest you have."

### NINE-POWER TREATY

Referring to the re-assertion in Parliament by the Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs on January 31 that Britain intends to adhere firmly to the Nine-Power Treaty, Mr. Quo said: "Every year since 1922 makes that treaty's provisions more useful and more indispensable to international order and prosperity, especially to Anglo-American security and prosperity, as well as to Chinese welfare." —Reuter.

## ROOSEVELT ON 'SECRET' VOYAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.  
Unusual secrecy shrouds the cruise President Roosevelt is undertaking to-day. The name of the warship he is boarding is being kept secret as is also the port of embarkation.

The press is wondering whether Mr. Roosevelt is attending the manoeuvres of the 22 warships in the Atlantic which began 10 days ago. —Havas.

### LATER MESSAGE

Washington, To-day.

## "HITLER" ON SHORE LEAVE

London, To-day.

Hitler is now on shore leave in England! — no, not Der Fuehrer, but a cat from H.M.S. Repulse.

Repulse, which has been sunk time and again by Dr. Goebbels but is otherwise unharmed, is now in dock, so that she can get a rest and her men get shore leave.

Half of the crew returned from shore leave yesterday and the other half are now enjoying a holiday.

With them went one of the ship's two cats born on her last trip to sea. He is called "Hitler."

A reporter who went on board Repulse reports that she was quite "safe and sound," despite Comrade Goebbels. An officer told him that although she had no heroic sagas to sing, she put in 130 days' steaming before returning to her base.—Reuter.

President Roosevelt yesterday en-trained for the south on holiday; it is understood he will embark on the cruiser Tuscaloosa at Pensacola (Florida) for a short cruise.

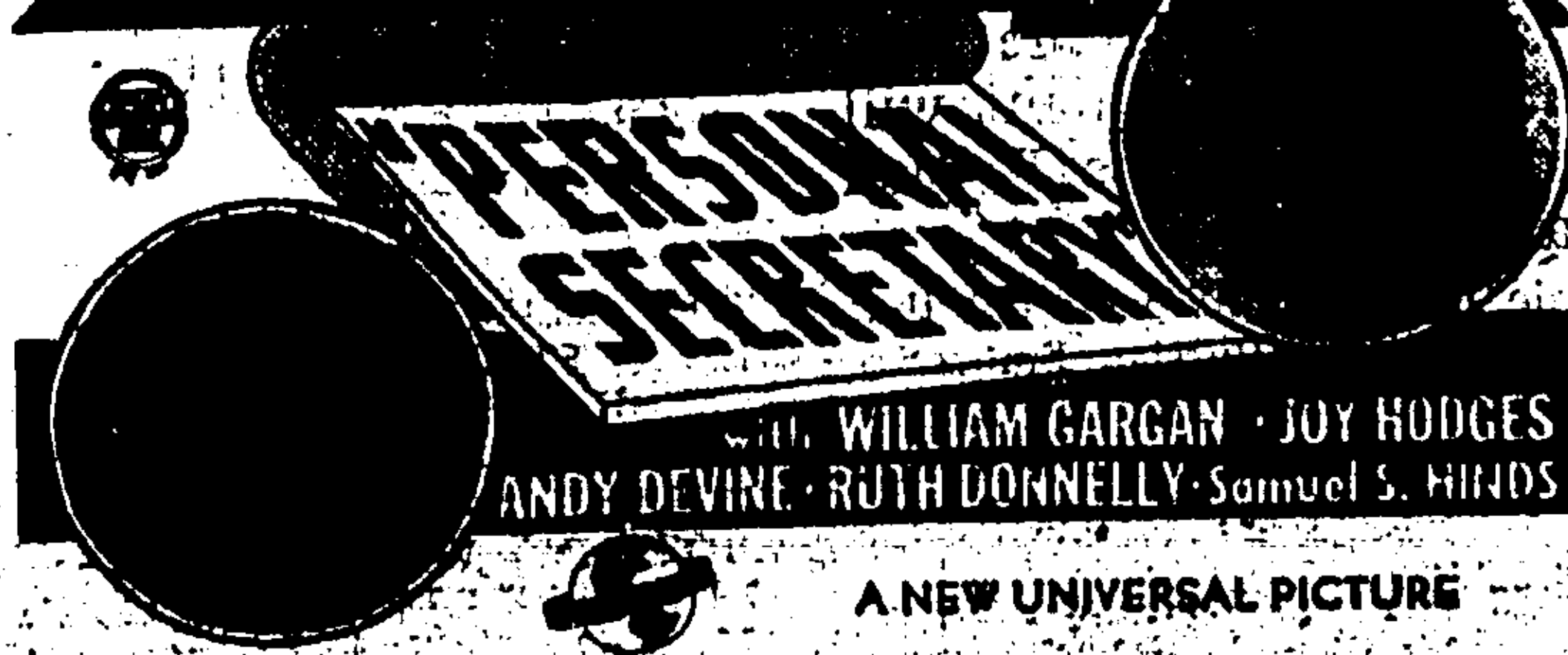
The White House has offered no explanation of the unusual secrecy which surrounds the trip, but it is thought President Roosevelt might extend his cruise to the region where neutrality vessels are keeping watch along the fringe of the Gulf of Mexico.—Reuter.

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## FUTURE OF CROWN LEASE PROPERTY

"THE SUBJECT OF expiring Crown leases is very much in the minds of property owners these days, and . . . there is no doubt than an early and equitable settlement of this question is very desirable," said Mr. D. E. Clark, chairman, at the annual meeting of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., held to-day in the Hong Kong Hotel.

Those present, in addition to the chairman, were:—Messrs. J. Scott-Harston, J. M. Alves, H. V. Wilkinson (directors), J. L. Quie (secretary), Mrs. D. Cowen, Messrs. J. D. Humphreys, J. E. Jupp, W. C. Lee, R. H. Wild, P. C. Potts, W. J. Jupp, W. C. Lee, R. H. Wild, P. C. Potts, W. J. Hansen and C. Bernard-Brown, shareholders.

The chairman said:—

"The profit for the year—\$201,586.67—can, I think, be considered satisfactory—as, excluding the profit on sale of land shown in the previous year's accounts, this figure is some \$22,000 higher.

### ALL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

"All flats and houses were fully occupied during the year. The twelve additional flats in Argyle Street referred to in my speech last year were completed on November 15 last, and our rent roll was augmented by receipts from that date. These twelve flats have been leased to the Military Authorities as officers' quarters, and I may mention that the construction and general lay-out have been very favourably commented upon. The demand for flats both in Hong Kong and Kowloon still continues.

"Referring to the debit side of profit and loss account, most items are very similar to the previous year's account, although repairs show a small increase. On the other hand, rents at \$313,921.63 are a record for the company—this being due to the larger amount invested in property.

"From the balance sheet you will note that amount invested in land and buildings has increased by just over three lakhs and this expenditure is reflected in the increase of our indebtedness to our bankers.

"Loans on mortgage have been reduced by a little over \$50,000. One mortgage was partly repaid, and foreclosure proceedings were taken in another case—the amount involved being transferred from this account to land and buildings.

"Special repairs have cost \$11,995.65, chiefly due to exterior replastering of

Nos. 19/42, Humphreys Buildings and relaying patent roofing of Nos. 1/6, Tregunter Mansions.

### CROWN LEASES

"The subject of expiring crown leases is very much in the minds of property owners these days, and although we are not immediately affected, there is no doubt that an early and equitable settlement of this question is very desirable.

"It may be of interest to shareholders to learn our position as regards Crown Leases held for 75 years with no renewal clause.

"We have one small property with 23 years of the term still unexpired, and another larger property with 33 years unexpired. All our other properties held under this type of lease have 38 years still to run before expiry.

"I think I have dealt with the accounts as fully as possible, and trust you will approve of the proposed allocation of profits available. You will note it is proposed to transfer a sum sufficient to bring building improvement reserve account up to \$75,000. It is felt that the interior of some of our older properties need modernising, and it is proposed to proceed as opportunity offers with improvements in this direction.

"I now propose that the report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted and that the balance of Profit and Loss available be appropriated as follows:—

Pay a dividend of 7 per cent. on 200,000 shares \$140,000.00, Transfer to General Reserve \$25,000.00, Transfer to Building Improvement Account (bringing same up to \$75,000.00) \$28,380.00, Transfer to Special Renewals Account (bringing same up to \$15,000.00) \$11,995.65, And carry forward \$36,539.53."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Wild and passed. Other resolutions passed were for the re-election of directors (proposed by the chairman and seconded by Mr. Potts) and the re-election of Percy, Seth Fleming and Linstead and Davis as auditors.

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# SECOND PHASE OF WAR

## Will Soon Begin, Predicts Sir Edward Grigg

### CAREFULLY PREPARED AND MASSIVE NAZI BLOW EXPECTED

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
"THE SECOND PHASE OF THE WAR WILL SOON BEGIN," SAID SIR EDWARD GRIGG, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, SPEAKING AT ALTRINGHAM (LANCASHIRE) YESTERDAY.

Hitler might launch a great offensive or he might hold his hand. If he took the former course the British people would rise to the occasion, as they had always done in the past. Germany had the advantage of much longer preparation in time of peace, and her stock of munitions was certainly very large.

It would be significant indeed if she failed to deliver a carefully prepared and massive blow.

Alluding to the Prime Minister's distinction between war aims and peace aims, Sir Edward Grigg observed that there could be no future but degradation and darkness for Europe and for this country if the military power of Germany were not destroyed.

Four things, he added, were needed for victory.

They were:—

Rapid expansion of the Allied forces, already formidable though they were; A vastly increased output of munitions;

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NATIONAL EFFORT

"We can all play our part in one or the other of these four branches of the national effort that has to be made. In particular we can save and we can bear the shortage of many things we normally enjoy."

While the Government was doing all it could by rationing, by pegging food prices and in other ways to lessen hardships, it was necessary to stress that hard times lay ahead.

"Let us face them proudly, for no

generation of men has ever marched beneath a cleaner banner for a nobler goal."—Reuter.

## WISHFUL THINKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

HENCEFORTH, GERMANY NEED FEAR NO SHORTAGE OF RAW MATERIALS. GERMAN NEWS-PAPERS HEADLINED IN REPORTING THE NEW SOVIET-GERMAN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT.

Some papers style it as a "Soviet-German Economic Alliance" but no information is given regarding the quantity, conditions of delivery and materials provided in the agreement. The German press is also very insistent in the imminence of a French Government crisis despite the Chamber of Deputies' unanimous vote of confidence in M. Daladier.

Finally, the German press insists that Italo-German friendship is as firm as in the past.—Havas.

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## BRITAIN'S FIRM SPIRIT

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
SPEAKING IN LONDON, YESTERDAY, MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE SAID HE FOUND NEITHER A SPIRIT OF LIGHT-HEARTED ADVENTURE NOR THE FALSE GLAMOUR OF GLORY AMONGST THE BRITISH PEOPLE BUT RATHER A MOOD OF ENDURANCE AND THE FIXED DETERMINATION OF A PEOPLE WHO FELT THEMSELVES TO BE ENGAGED IN A STRUGGLE FOR THE SURVIVAL OF EUROPEAN CIVILISATION.

"If we cannot say what civilisation is we know well what it is not, and a country that denies all rights to the individual, a country which murders people for no other reason than that they belong to a particular race, and a country which hates mercy, truth and freedom is no civilised country." The present German rulers, he continued, had deliberately chosen to say "Evil, be thou my good."

### A WARNING

Mr. Attlee warned his hearers against undue optimism and said that though all hoped there would be no tremendous slaughter from air attack it was necessary to be amply prepared. Peace must be followed by the building of a world free from aggression and constraint.

Although a difficult time would undoubtedly follow the war Mr. Attlee said he saw no reason for an era of great distress.—British Wireless.

## IMPROVING PALESTINE SITUATION

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
IN REPLY TO A QUESTION CONCERNING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CONDITIONS IN PALESTINE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY SAID IN THE COMMONS THE STEADY IMPROVEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN PALESTINE HAS BEEN FULLY MAINTAINED. "I am fully aware of the whole-hearted support which is being given by Jews throughout the world to the Allied cause, one of the purposes of which is the freeing of Jews from their cruel persecutors in Central Europe."

"The British Government's policy allows for a very considerable degree of immigration of Jews into Palestine over the next ten years, and there is no question of departing from that policy. The legal quota allowed for some 10,000 Jews to go to Palestine and be settled in the last six months."—British Wireless.

## U.S. FLEET EXPANSION

Washington, To-day.  
The House of Representatives naval committee has unanimously agreed to the two-year \$655,000,000 fleet expansion programme approved by the President. The programme permits the Navy to construct an additional 21 warships and 21 auxiliary vessels in the next two years.—Reuter.

## WANG SET BACK TILL APRIL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.  
It is learned on the best authority that Wang Ching-wei's "government" has again adjourned until early April, at the earliest.

The central political committee, which appointed the members of Wang's "government," is meeting in Nanking on March 15.—Havas.

## IMPRESSIVE OTTAWA SCENES

Ottawa, To-day.

A striking tribute to Lord Tweedsmuir's nobility of character was made by his pastor and friend, the Rev. Mr. Ferguson, in conducting the funeral service at the Presbyterian Church here yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. Mr. Ferguson quoted from Lord Tweedsmuir's writings to show his Christian faith and nobility of character.

Deeply impressive scenes were witnessed in the snow-covered streets as the procession passed slowly through the densely packed crowds, with the bands of the Foot Guards and the Air Force playing the "Dead March in Saul."

The pall bearers were chosen from the Navy, Army, Air Force and Mounted Police.

### "THE LAMENT"

Nineteen guns were fired in salute as the cortege proceeded from the church to the railway station, where pipers wailed a Lament as the coffin was placed in the train. The train then left for Montreal where the body will be cremated.

Solemn observances were also held yesterday throughout Canada.

Lady Tweedsmuir did not attend at the Church, while the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, and the Diplomatic Corps were at the station when the train departed.—Reuter.

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## ITALIAN MISSION BOMBING

Chungking, To-day.

An alleged official document, received from the Italian Catholic Mission at Hanchung, in south Shensi, is stated to confirm that Japanese aircraft, and not Chinese as previously reported, were responsible for two bombings of the city last October.

The document states: "Two months after the raids a radio station in Germany, quoting a despatch from Rome broadcast news to the effect that Chinese planes were responsible for the bombing of the Catholic Mission buildings in Hanchung on October 25 and October 30."

"This report was picked up by a reliable news agency and relayed round the world."

"When this Mission read the report it wrote to the local Chinese authorities testifying that the report was without foundation. The Mission also requested the Italian Government to file a protest with the Japanese Government for its indiscriminate destruction of third-power property."

80 BOMBS

Thirty-five Japanese planes are said to have bombed Hanchung on October 25, killing 83 and wounding 70. About 200 buildings are stated to have been destroyed. In the raid on October 30 Japanese planes are reported to have dropped 80 bombs which resulted in 10 casualties. The Italian Mission buildings are said to have been damaged in both raids.—Reuter.

## BIG SUCCESS OF SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

DURING THE FIRST 11 WEEKS OF THE NATIONAL SAVINGS CAMPAIGN OVER £80,000,000 HAS BEEN RAISED, WHICH IS NEARLY FOUR TIMES THE ANTICIPATED RATE.

When the voluntary campaign was launched with the creation of the new Savings Certificate and the new Defence Bond it was expected to raise about £100,000,000 in twelve months.

Since the war began 10,000 new savings groups have been formed, bringing the total to more than 50,000. About 75% of these are in offices and factories and new groups are being formed at the rate of 250 daily.

If the groups do their work properly they should ensure that an even larger amount of current savings will be passed to the Government.—British Wireless.

## CONTRACTS MAY BE IGNORED

London, To-day.

With a view to expediting the production and delivery of cotton-goods to meet Government requirements and export orders, a system of preference directions is to be brought into operation under the control of the cotton industry.

An Order was issued yesterday empowering the Minister of Supply to issue directions to producers and distributors in the cotton industry to give preference to the production and delivery of goods under contracts made with Government departments or for other approved purposes, in spite of obligations to which they may be subject under contracts for which no directions have been issued, for example, orders for the home trade.—Reuter.

## SENATE POSTPONES EMBARGO DISCUSSION

Washington, To-day.

The Senate foreign relations committee has postponed formal consideration of the proposals for an embargo on exports to Japan.

Senator Key Pittman predicted, however, that the embargo resolution would be approved by the committee this session.—Reuter.

## TRIBUTES TO LORD TWEEDSMUIR

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE DOMINIONS: "PLEASE ACCEPT WARMEST THANKS ON BEHALF OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOR THE TELEGRAM IN WHICH YOU RECORD THE DEEP REGRET OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AT THE PASSING OF LORD TWEEDSMUIR AND THE DESIRE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH US IN THE NATIONAL SORROW."

"By his broad humanity, great gifts, high conception of office, devotion to duty, unsparring dedication of himself to the service of Canada and wide knowledge of our country and people, Lord Tweedsmuir endeared himself to all classes of Canadians. His passing is regarded as a personal loss in thousands of homes in this land."

"Telegrams of sympathy which have reached us from all parts of the world bear witness to the affection, regard and admiration which his character and the labours of his life won for him among men of many races."

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ly happy and an example such as his will remain as an abiding memory in this land which he loved so much and served so well."—British Wireless.

## NAZI RAIDERS LIVE UP TROOPS IN THE MAGINOT LINE

PARIS, TO-DAY.

DESPITE SHELLING BY ARTILLERY AND TRENCH MORTARS, NAZI RAIDERS HAVE AGAIN BEEN DRIVEN BACK IN DISORDER ON THE WESTERN FRONT, IT WAS REVEALED YESTERDAY.

Exchanges of fire between casemates on the Rhine are also reported in French quarters.

The bitter cold wave still grips the western front and the thermometer has dropped to four degrees above zero, Fahrenheit — 28 degrees of frost.

In the region east of the Moselle the German High Command continues to attempt to raid French posts, with the object of capturing prisoners.

The latest attempt has again been repulsed.

It was supported by carefully planned artillery, although the raiders were few and numbered about 50.

At the same time trench mortars sent their heavy projectiles hurtling down on the post itself.

But the French artillery had not been idle. The French gunners put down a heavy barrage of shells in front of a curtain of fire, and this, coupled with shots from the automatic arms of the garrison, drove back the Nazi raiders in disorder.

THE COMMUNIQUE

Last night's French communique stated an enemy raid failed to the west of the Saar.

A German cargo steamer was captured by the French Navy and taken into a French port.—Reuter.

## MR. EDEN NOT TO VISIT TURKEY

London, To-day.

It was reported from Ankara yesterday that Mr. Anthony Eden would visit Turkey before returning home from Egypt. This is officially denied in London.—Reuter.

## OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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LONDON, TO-DAY.

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He then went to the Tower of London, where he presented Colours to a battalion of the Welsh Guards.

On both occasions, he wore the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment.—Reuter.

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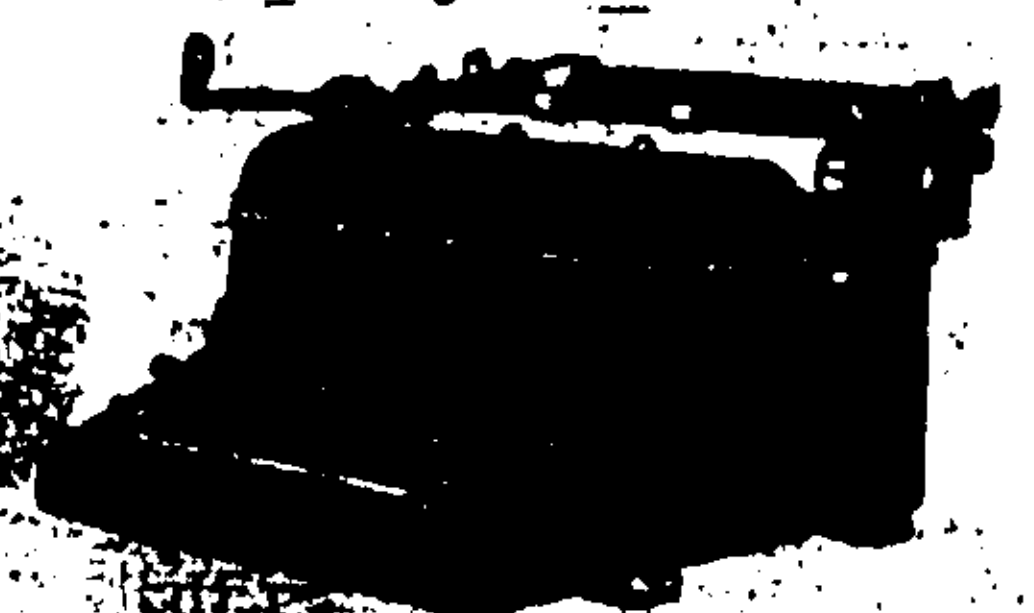
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# 40,000 Soviet Casualties In 10 Days

## No Nearer Break-Through On The Mannerheim Line

### FINNS CAN HOLD INDEFINITELY IF GIVEN AID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**Haparanda (Finnish-Swedish Border), To-day.**  
**PROVIDING THE FINNS** get speedy assistance the Mannerheim Line is capable of resisting for weeks, even months, Swedish military observers stated last night.

No less than 500,000 Soviet troops are estimated to be engaged in the operations against the Mannerheim Line, while enormous quantities of war material have been sent to the front from Leningrad.

The relatively short front of 100 kilometres has caused the Russian command to hurl all their troops which are attacking continuously regardless of human losses.

In Helsinki, Finnish military quarters admit that the situation is serious, although they say the Finns have actually lost little ground in the Mannerheim Line battle.

It is reported that on the Karelian front the Russians threw into battle all available reserves of troops and tanks, including 70-ton monsters.

#### 40,000 CASUALTIES

Forty thousand Russians have been killed and 200 tanks disabled in the past 10 days in the desperate offensive in Karelia, in which the main pressure was directed against Summa.

Proclamations were posted in the streets of Helsinki yesterday afternoon calling up the 1897 Class to the Colours.

At daybreak the Finns succeeded in recapturing all the first line positions in the central sector of the Karelian Isthmus between Summa and Muolajärvi after two days of terrible fighting.

#### BATTLING BRAVELY

Both sides are battling most bravely, and there are frequent hand-to-hand encounters, the combatants using hand-grenades, while in some instances the Finns have used their famous daggers.

The Russians have succeeded in maintaining the newly captured positions south of the Taipale River which they crossed under terrific artillery fire.

The Russians, throwing another 250,000 troops into battle, scored some successes but towards evening the Finns started a counter-attack.

The Russian losses in men and material are enormous. — Havas.

#### Supporting Positions Lost In Summa Sector

Helsinki, To-day.

Last night's Finnish communique admitted for the first time that the Russians have occupied advanced points in the Mannerheim Line.

An earlier official announcement said that successful Finnish counter-attacks were carried out yesterday on the Karelian Isthmus, and the fighting is said to have been particularly sanguinary.

The Russians fiercely bombarded the Mannerheim Line, it was added.

Last night's communique said the enemy continued their heavy attacks in the Isthmus on Tuesday.

Only on the Summa sector, it continues, has the enemy succeeded in occupying some of our foremost supporting points, which lay behind them.

Everywhere else the enemy's attacks were repulsed with heavy losses for the attackers. Thousands of killed and dozens of destroyed tanks were left in front of our lines. The fighting is continuing.

#### BATTALION MOWN DOWN

North-east of Lake Ladoga our troops dispersed all enemy attempts to thrust forward and a few tanks were destroyed.

In the direction of Kuhmo (central Finland) one Russian battalion was mown down and several "nests" destroyed.

On other sectors there was lively patrol activity.

The communique also mentions that the Finnish air defences were involved. There were a number of air battles and Finnish planes continued the successful bombing of enemy concentrations and encampments.

The Russians among other places bombed Viborg.

It is estimated that during the day several hundred enemy planes were in action over the country. Finnish fighters and air defences shot down 17 enemy planes, according to confirmed reports.—Reuter.

#### Mannerheim Line Intact

Helsinki, To-day.

The latest Finnish communique states that some outposts of the Mannerheim Line were captured by the Russians on Tuesday. The Line itself is intact.

Some five or six Soviet divisions are now concentrated in the Summa sector, and at times Soviet artillery pours 3,000 shells an hour into the Finnish defences.

There is bitter hand-to-hand fighting in the Summa sector, but it is only at one point in the eastern part of the Line that the Russians have taken some advanced outposts. The assault was held when these outposts were reached.

On other fronts the Russians have been repulsed with heavy losses—between 30,000 and 40,000 men and at least 100 tanks.

The Finnish air force has been busy bombing troop concentrations and Finnish fighters and anti-aircraft guns have shot down 17 more Soviet bombers.—Reuter.

#### Fighting Almost With Religious Fervour

Stockholm, To-day.

At the opening of the third week of the Russian offensive against the Mannerheim Line the Finns are fighting with something like religious

### BLIZZARD SWEEPS NEW YORK

New York, To-day.  
 The first blizzard of the Winter is sweeping New York City. At least 50 were injured in a few hours, while traffic is almost paralysed, in the worst storm since 1938.

Pedestrians were forced to cling to lamp-posts and ropes were strung across the streets to prevent them being blown over.—Reuter.

fervour, which seems to be lending them strength beyond ordinary powers of endurance.

A Finnish officer who has returned from the front says the army has undergone a striking change of spirit since the beginning of the war.

The heavier the fighting the greater the unity.

Attempts by the Russians to advance over the ice towards the flanks of the Mannerheim Line have apparently met with disaster. The Finns put up shells, throwing men and tanks through the ice into the water.

Although the Russians are now installed in advanced posts on the Summa front they are still faced with about 10 miles of continuous block-houses, tank traps and other formidable defences.—Reuter.

### SEMI-COMPULSORY LOAN IN NETHERLANDS

The Hague, To-day.

The Second Chamber of Parliament yesterday passed a Bill authorising the issue shortly of a semi-compulsory loan of 300,000,000 guilders.

The Communists voted against the Bill.—Reuter.

### SENTENCED TO DEATH: ONE MAN ACQUITTED

The Saikung Village murder case ended this morning when the jury found Lau Tin-yeung guilty of murder and Lau Tau not guilty.

Lau Tin-yeung was sentenced to death.

### BRITONS MAY FIGHT FOR FINLAND

London, To-day.

A general license has been granted to British subjects to enlist in the Finnish forces and a license has been granted to a recruiting organisation established in London, declared Capt. O. Peake, Under-Secretary for Home Affairs, in a written reply to a question on the subject in the House of Commons yesterday.

Capt. Peake added that His Majesty's Government had carefully considered the matter in the light of the resolution passed by the Assembly of the League of Nations on December 14 on the subject of provision of assistance to Finland.

It would, in their view, be inconsistent with the spirit of that resolution that British subjects who wished to volunteer for service in Finland should be hindered by the provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act, seeing that the Act contains the power to grant dispensations.

M. Ivan Malsky, the Soviet Ambassador, was seated in the Diplomatic Gallery in anticipation of Capt. Peake's statement.—Reuter.

### ROAD DEATHS IN BRITISH ISLES

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Transport returns of road deaths in Britain for January show an increase of 134, or some 28%, over the figures for January, 1939.

A total of 619 persons lost their lives on the roads in Britain in January, of whom 461, were killed in the hours of darkness.—British Wireless.

## MAY LIKELY TO BE CRITICAL MONTH

London, To-day.

**FINLAND'S STRUGGLE FOR Independence and with it the Allied cause will reach the most critical period in May, states a military authority in London.**

In an interview, he said that the Russians will make no more than small gains during the winter. At the end of April, the thaw will set in, and when May's warm weather dries up the soggy ground the Soviets will make a great drive, "and without help the Finns are lost."

Reinforcements in the shape of 10,000 experienced men, he states positively, will enable the Finns to drive the Russians back into Soviet territory. All now depends on whether or not this help is sent.

He states that this estimate of 10,000 men, and the prophesying of a May Super-Offensive have been calculated as exactly as military science allows.

On the Western Front, the stale-

mate will not be ended in May, but there may be fighting on other fronts — where, he could not say.

The victory or defeat of the Finns will have a very grave bearing on the Allied-German position. If Russia conquers Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark will be directly menaced by Russia and Germany. Economic and political concessions will be demanded, backed up by force, or a show of force. — Reuter.



# UNRESTRICTED U-BOAT WAR ON NEUTRAL SHIPS

## WASHINGTON ON NAZI SINKINGS THREATS

Washington, To-day.  
Government quarters, commenting on the German doctrine just announced, state that U-boats could legally sink an American ship forced into a British control port only after it had been ascertained that the vessel's cargo exceeded 50 per cent. of contraband destined for Germany's enemies.

Little concern is shown by the authorities at the statement by a Berlin spokesman defending the sinking of a Dutch vessel and saying that American ships holding the same status would be fair victims.—Reuter.

## GERMAN REPLY TO AMERICAS

Berlin, To-day.

Germany replied yesterday to the Note sent to all the belligerents as regards the establishment of a 300-mile security zone around the Americas.

The Nazi reply welcomes the desire of the American Republics to maintain strict neutrality, and says the contemplated regulation would represent an amendment of international law.

German warships, the reply says, have observed international regulations and therefore cannot consider that it is different from the other belligerents, for Britain and France have possessions on the American Continent and have established important bases there.

Germany therefore suggests that Britain and France, under the guarantee of the United States, should accept an obligation not to use these possessions and islands as starting points or bases for military action.—Reuter.

## CONTRABAND CONTROL

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ON FEBRUARY 13 THERE WERE 20 NEUTRAL SHIPS IN UNITED KINGDOM CONTRABAND CONTROL BASES, OF WHICH 14 HAD BEEN THERE FIVE DAYS OR LESS.

During the week ended February 10 the contraband committee considered the cargoes of 123 ships which arrived since February 3 and 32 outstanding from the previous week. In 97 cases the entire cargoes were released on first consideration or after enquiries.

A total of 74 cases were dealt with under the system of advance copy manifests and in 60 such cases vessels were released subject to formal checking of the original manifests.—British Wireless.

## THE NEW NAZI DOCTRINE TO JUSTIFY MURDER

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

**NEW INSTRUCTIONS, THAT MEAN PITILESS WARFARE ON VIRTUALLY ALL NEUTRAL VESSELS, HAVE BEEN SENT TO GERMAN SUBMARINE COMMANDERS, ACCORDING TO NEWS REACHING HERE FROM BERLIN.**

The Dutch steamer Burgendijk is believed to have been the first victim of these new measures. She was torpedoed by a Nazi submarine.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraaf," reporting what he was told in the Wilhelmstrasse, formulates the German standpoint as follows:

"If a neutral ship is homeward bound or bound for a neutral country is taken into a British control port it will be torpedoed if it has contraband on board."

The correspondent believes that the commander of the submarine which sank the Burgendijk could not have acted on his own responsibility, since the action was opposed to all the traditions of the German navy.

### BLANK CHEQUE

Hence he must have been acting on an instruction amounting to a sort of blank cheque for destruction.

The Germans say that the British must hold up ships and search them at sea instead of taking them to the control point in the Downs.

Dutch ships are thus faced with the prospect of being mercilessly torpedoed without explanation if they enter Britain's sphere of sea control, which, practically speaking, extends over the whole world.

Theoretically, American ships touching at Gibraltar are liable to be torpedoed under the new Nazi rule, and feelings in Holland are particularly bitter that Germany persistently picks out small neutrals for attacks and leaves the big ones alone.—Reuter.

## TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Mr. V. M. Benwell, of the "Bungalow," Smithfield, Kennedy Town, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, for failing to stop his car close to the side of the road, at Queen's Road Central on January 13.

A fine of \$2 was imposed.

Mr. R. de W. Waller, of the 20th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, was fined \$5 for driving without a licence on January 10.

Mr. C. Lauritsen, of the Dragon Motor Car Company was cautioned, when summoned for allowing his car to remain longer than necessary in Des Voeux Road Central on January 12.

## WELSH SOCIETY

The annual dinner and dance of the Cymdeithas Dewi Sant (St. David's Society) Hong Kong will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on Friday, the 1st of March. Reservations (\$5 a cover) may be booked through the Hon. Secretary, 3, Ventris Road, or the Hong Kong Hotel. There will be dancing from approximately 10.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.

## GERMAN FREIGHTER TO RUN GAUNTLET

Rio de Janeiro, To-day.

WITH 60 TONS OF COFFEE, lard, cotton and grain on board the German freighter Uruguay (5,846 tons), of the Hamburg-Amerika Line, slipped out of Pernambuco yesterday.

She is the last of the 10 German vessels lying there to sail in an attempt to run the British blockade.

At the same time the Koenigsberg (6,466 tons), a Norddeutscher Lloyd freighter, sailed from the Amazon Delta but is reported to have stopped later at Galvota Island, some 75 miles down the estuary, presumably awaiting instructions from Germany.

The whereabouts of the La Coruna, the Hamburg-South America 7,000-ton oil-burning passenger ship, is still unknown.

### NOT INVOLVED

Rear-Admiral Harwood, commanding British naval forces in the South Atlantic, in a statement to the press, emphasised that H.M.S. Hawkins was not involved in any incidents with German ships.

This rules out the possibility that the cruiser could have been concerned in the scuttling of the Wolfsburg which, like the Wakama, is reported to have opened her seacocks off the north coast of Brazil when a British warship was sighted.

It is learned unofficially that H.M.S. Hawkins will remain in Rio 48 hours instead of 24, as at first reported.

The need of slight repairs to the machinery is given as the reason.—Reuter.

## BITTER COMMENTS OF NEUTRALS

Oslo, To-day.

**GERMANY'S RUTHLESS WAR on neutral shipping continues to draw the bitter fire of the neutral press.**

The leading Liberal Norwegian newspaper "Tidens Tegn" makes the drastic suggestion that the Oslo Powers must stop trading with Germany unless the Reich will guarantee the lives of Scandinavian seamen.

The latest German "excuse"—that neutral ships may be sunk even when they are being taken compulsorily to an Allied contraband control harbour—is rejected by the paper, which says that if Germany continues to adopt this attitude the neutrals will

have to revise their attitude towards the Reich.

This German claim was repeated yesterday when it was claimed that the sinking of the Burgendijk was legal; the captain of the ship stressed that the U-boat commander refused to examine his rights.—Reuter.

## ORDINARY INSTINCTS OF HUMANITY

London, To-day.

Asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether in view of "the murdering of unarmed seamen by German airmen" we would consider ceasing to send out ships to pick up German airmen when their planes are brought down in the sea, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, declared amidst cheers that the ordinary instincts of humanity required the rescue from the sea of drowning men or castaways, and should be observed by His Majesty's ships in the course of their duties.—Reuter.

## NORTH SEA SHIPS TO BE ARMED

London, To-day.

Every British ship in the North Sea will be protected with guns.

This announcement was made by Mr. Churchill yesterday when he was asked in the House of Commons about the machine-gunning of trawlers by Nazi planes.

He replied that attacks of this kind on small, unarmed ships could not have been expected; now that they are being made, however, every ship must carry effective arms to resist the murderous attacks. This work will be carried out in a very short time.—Reuter.

## CEASELESSLY ENGAGED

London, To-day.

"We are ceaselessly engaged with plans for putting into execution defensive measures and counter-measures. These can only be judged by the results," declared the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Churchill when asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether he had taken adequate measures for the defence of trawlers and fishing-boats.

Mr. Churchill added he hoped a very great measure of protection would be afforded the men in the North Sea in a very short time.

Naturally, attacks on unarmed and small vessels could not have been expected, but now it appeared that every small vessel must be effectively armed to resist murder.—Reuter.



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**MIRROR OF WORLD  
OPINION****COUNT CIANO'S SPEECH**

The long speech by the Italian Foreign Minister is one of the most important of the war. Its plain statements, its silences, and its hints are all alike significant. In form it is a reasoned statement of Italian policy. It says much more about history than about the future and it springs no surprises. That Italy makes, and will make, her decisions according to her own view of her interests is accepted in this country. Count Ciano repeats it; as was to be expected, he adds that Italy's relations with the Axis partner are unchanged and that, having announced her intention at the beginning of the war not to take any initiative, she still does not intend to take any "as things stand." At the same time he left his hearers, both in Italy and elsewhere, to draw their own conclusions from his survey, and they will certainly find it an inspiring exercise. There are some principal questions they will ask. What does Count Ciano think about the Russo-German Pact, about Germany's (and Anglo-French) policy, and about Russia "on the move?"

The skill of Count Ciano's historical method comes out best regarding Germany's agreement with Russia. He emphasised that Italy and Germany both intervened in Spain, that Italy deeply hated Bolshevism there and that Germany agreed with her; thus it was that the Anti-Comintern Pact was cemented. What, then, were the purpose and value of that pact? Count Ciano says:

It possessed the definite political significance of consolidating the anti-Comintern system and of furthering a wider collaboration in every sphere among the Powers which had built up this system. So the Italians (and the Japanese) interpreted the pact. Then Germany went over to Moscow. Count Ciano crossed the t's a little more distinctly when he disclosed that in April-May of this year Italy agreed (with Germany) to a "detente" with Russia in order to neutralise her if war should come. He thought that more than this could not in any case be accomplished because of the "fundamentally hostile attitude which Nazi Germany had always assumed" towards Russia. Count Ciano, like the rest of us, was to have surprises; on the night of August 21 Ribbentrop telephoned to him that he was going to Moscow the next day. On this, as on other famous occasions, Germany seems to have given Italy less notice of her intentions than might have been expected between partners. But perhaps the passage in the speech that will resound most loudly is Count Ciano's disclosure that the two Governments had agreed that they must avoid war for some years in their own interest. Italy had spent herself heavily in Abyssinia and Spain. She needed three years in which satisfactorily to organise her military resources; Germany, so he says, "spoke of four or five years." So, in March of this year,

The German Government agreed with us on the advisability of not raising any question which would be likely to stir up further polemics until the time period referred to had elapsed. Discouraging reading for Germany—were Germany ever allowed to read it! As late as August 11-13 Italy proposed that the two Powers should issue a joint declaration that they held it

to be still possible to settle the Polish question by negotiation. Germany refused—a plain enough confirmation, if any were needed, that she had made up her mind to war. Count Ciano, of course, blames France and Britain for hardening the Polish attitude by giving her their guarantee; he ignores the truth that if the guarantee had not been given Hitler would probably have attacked Poland straightaway. The Balkan question was handled by Count Ciano elusively but with skill. There also Russia may soon be "on the move." What does Italy think about it? She is anxious, he says, for "order and peace" in the Balkans because "Italy has now become a Balkan Power" and because "it is to that region that Italian policy tends." Italy intimates that she is much interested in the Balkans and must not be ignored.—"Manchester Guardian."

**PRELUDE TO UNION?**

The social changes impelled by the World War are already being extended by the present war in Europe. These do not necessarily occur in the shape of reforms idealistically inspired. In fact, they are more likely to come in wartime along the route of sheer expediency. Such is the nature of the Anglo-French agreement to pool financial resources, as well as military and industrial, in the joint effort to remove from Europe the threat of German expansionism.

Fixing the relation between the pound and the franc, dispensing with gold shipments between Britain and France, providing for joint financial arrangements with other countries willing to make war loans, the new financial accord between the Allies completes a temporary politico-economic partnership which must have effects far more enduring than a mere war effort. It will affect the man-in-the-street as well as the men in the trenches; if it works well a vast section of public opinion in both countries and in all economic stations will have been educated to the possibilities of international co-operation in a field unfortunately less widely understood when the League of Nations began its political life.—"Christian Science Monitor."

**THE GERMAN WAR  
MIND**

It is possible that there has been some dissension amongst the political leaders of Germany, but there is no reason at all to suppose that Herr Hitler's hold over his own followers and over his own country has weakened. The German public is not seriously restive—there is certainly discontent over the shortage of food (a shortage that is not severe) over the queues (which make shopping a very tiresome affair) and over long hours and "speeding up" in the factories, but there is no effective opposition. The Germans have hardly begun to feel the war and, except for an increase in terrorism, there is little difference between the Germany of to-day and the Germany of three months ago. The arrests of innumerable "moderates" in Germany—Conservatives and Monarchists on the Right and Social Democrats on the Left—merely show what was evident even before the war began, namely the growing power of the Nazi extremists, of whom Herr Hitler is the chief.—"Time and Tide"

**THE MENACE**

It is the revealed immorality belonging to the essence of militant National Socialism which makes it so great a menace. With this there can be no dealing, because it is without honour or scruple. There can be no appeasement, because the showing of nobler impulses maddens it or excites its greed. Behind the aggressive actions of which foreign governments took cognizance was a state of thought, National Socialism, the existence of which is incompatible with the survival of the civilised world. This no doubt is what the Archbishop of Canterbury meant when he said that "the world is now confronted by the menace of a force which is really and truly evil." A perverted concept which ridicules liberty, discards humanity, defies law, and worships force threatens the whole order of thought and conduct which the world for centuries has been building up.—H. Wickham Stead.

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# U-Boat Meets Swift Retribution In Atlantic, SUBMARINE WAR INTENSIFIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**LONDON, TO-DAY.**  
**SWIFT RETRIBUTION FOLLOWED THE SINKING BY A NAZI SUBMARINE OF THE 12,000-TON STEAMER, SULTAN STAR, 250 MILES FROM THE IRISH COAST, YESTERDAY.**

Within half an hour, according to an official notification by the Admiralty, the U-boat responsible for the sinking, had been detected by British naval craft and destroyed.

This U-boat was the second to be destroyed in the day, according to the Admiralty statement, which does not however disclose the circumstances.

As two U-boats were destroyed on February 9, the Royal Navy has claimed four in five days.

The loss of the Sultan Star brought British sinkings in the day to 30,000 tons, the other victims being the 10,000-ton Gretafield, of whose crew thirteen are missing, and the 8,000-ton British Triumph, a tanker, of whose crew five are missing.

The German declaration of unrestricted U-boat warfare against any neutral ships which touch at an Allied port, even if compelled by the British Contraband Control, resulted yesterday in the sinking of several neutrals.

Details are not yet available but at least five ranging from 2,000 to 4,500 tons are reported to have been torpedoed and sunk, all five belonging to the Scandinavian countries. — Havas.

## TORPEDOED IN EARLY MORNING

New York, To-day.

The Mackay Radio reports that the British steamer Sultan Star (12,000 tons) was torpedoed at 4.42 (G.M.T.) yesterday afternoon.

The report added that the crew were abandoning ship.—Reuter.

## "BRITISH TRIUMPH" RESCUES

London, To-day.

Five men are believed to be missing from the London tanker "British Triumph," of 8,501 tons, which capsized after an explosion in the North Sea.

Twenty-one members of the crew were landed at an East Coast port and 21 at a second port.

The 16-year-old wireless operator told how twice in two months he had been rescued from oil tankers sunk by explosions.

It was his second voyage on a British boat and on each occasion he had been shipwrecked.

On December 2 he was assistant wireless operator on the tanker San Callisto, which struck a mine and sank. He received an internal injury necessitating an operation.

He had only just recovered when he joined the British Triumph. This tanker was attacked by enemy aircraft in Great Yarmouth roadstead a fortnight ago. — Reuter.

## SUNK BY SHELLFIRE

London, To-day.

Another neutral ship has been sunk by a U-boat, although she was carrying cargo for a neutral port.

She was a Danish ship of 5,000 tons, bound for Denmark from Morocco. She was stopped by a U-boat 80 miles from Norway on Tuesday morning.

When the crew had taken to the boats, the ship was sunk by shellfire.

A British plane which arrived soon afterwards directed a Norwegian ship to the rescue of the crew.—Reuter.

## Two Tankers Sunk

London, To-day.

Two British tankers were lost in the North Sea yesterday. They are

the Gretafield, 10,000 tons, and British Triumph, 8,500 tons.

The Gretafield was sunk off the north-east coast of Scotland, and 28 of her crew were rescued. Thirteen are missing.

The British Triumph capsized after an explosion. Her crew of 42 are safe.

One of the crew, a lad of 16, is the assistant wireless operator; he has only made two voyages—and this is his second shipwreck!—Reuter.

\*\*\*Built at Birkenhead by Cammell Laird in 1928, the Gretafield was owned by the Northern Petroleum Tank S.S. Co. (Hunting and Son, managers). Registered at Newcastle, she was 10,191 tons gross and 500 feet long. Fitted for oil fuel, she carried petroleum in bulk.

## DALARO'S LOSS

London, To-day.

It is now learned that the 4,000-ton Swedish ship Dalaro—whose loss was reported in the "China Mail" yesterday—was torpedoed and then shelled by a U-boat.

Her crew of 17 are safe on board a Belgian trawler.—Reuter.

## FRENCHMAN DECORATED

Paris, To-day.

A French liaison officer has been given the Croix de Guerre for his action with a British patrol in No Man's Land.

He was attached to the patrol and when the British officer was killed while trying to silence German machine-guns he took command of the party and brought the men back safely to the British lines.—Reuter.

## DISASTER OFF COAST OF NORFOLK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

An unidentified vessel turned turtle near the coast of Norfolk last night and is at present floating with her keel above water.

A patrol vessel picked up a few men drifting in two lifeboats believed to be from the overturned vessel. Three other lifeboats were signalled by R.A.F. planes to a nearby ship which rescued them.—Havas.

## "REPULSE" AT ANCHOR

London, To-day.

The battle cruiser Repulse, which has been reported sunk by German wireless broadcast, is lying safely at anchor in a British port.

During the first 140 days of war she steamed about 25,000 miles and has been at sea approximately 130 days.

Taking her part in scouring the seas for German raiders she has only had the opportunity of using her anti-aircraft batteries and the single casualty was a cat washed over board in high seas.

Unfortunately for the German propagandists the story of the sinking of Repulse is not confined to broadcasts.

The 1940 edition of the German naval pocketbook states that on October 14 "Repulse was destroyed by U-boats in Scapa Flow at the same time as Royal Oak was sunk."

Her 32,000 ton presence is ample demonstration of the falsity of the entry which, however, is in keeping with the broadcast from Koelnberg on February 7 which announced the sinking of the steamship Oregon. This ship arrived safely in Lisbon as the German broadcaster to Portugal from Zeesen announced on February 11, possibly having forgotten the previous claim.—British Wireless.

## GERMANS TO TRY TO KILL CRITICISM

Zurich, To-day.

A big campaign in Germany against the freedom of the neutral press is expected to follow Dr. Goebbels' speech, according to the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" correspondent in Berlin.

The reason for the Goebbels outburst is believed to be primarily the indignation aroused in Scandinavia and Holland by the submarine campaign against neutrals.

The correspondent says the satisfaction felt over neutral shipping losses can be clearly read between the lines in the German press. The German public are not allowed to know that ships are being torpedoed without warning.—Reuter.

## AMERICAN SHIP THROUGH IN QUICK TIME

London, To-day.

The first U.S.A. ship with a cargo completely covered by navicerts has arrived at an Allied contraband control base with a mixed cargo destined for Italy and Turkey and was held up only two and a half hours.—British Wireless.

## UNSEASONABLY EARLY

Unusually early in the season, the New Territories tiger story has been revived.

According to a report brought back by Chinese sportsmen who were hunting in the Shing Mun Valley area yesterday, they came across large spoor resembling that of a tiger.

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## WITH FORCES ON FINLAND'S FRONTS

London, To-day.

HAVING JUST RETURNED from Rovaniemi, Finnish headquarters, the BBC Observer in Finland yesterday broadcast his impressions. One of the first things he did on his return to Helsinki after 3 weeks' absence was to buy the English newspapers.

He was interested to learn from one of them that their Stockholm correspondent had reported that Soviet planes had practically levelled Rovaniemi to the ground and that it was uninhabitable.

The BBC Observer said that he and several other journalists have been living in Rovaniemi for the past week "in considerable comfort" and that that seems to be the case with the rest of the town.

Of course, the Russians did do a lot of damage in two large raids a fortnight ago, but life goes on. When he visited his bank, he found it had sustained a direct hit and business was being carried on in temporary premises near the bank while repairs were being made.

Other banks and a department store were carrying on as usual inside, although the outside was blackened and pitted.

### "HOLLYWOOD" HOTEL

The journalists stayed in a "real Hollywood" hotel, built for tourists who in peace-time travel to Petsamo and stop off at Rovaniemi for their first glimpse of the midnight sun. Half of the hotel is now a hospital.

During the past week, however, the journalists have spent little time in the hotel. They go out on their skis in the early morning and return late in the afternoon, dropping in on a hut in the forest for coffee and sandwiches.

On the day he left Rovaniemi, three of them went back to the hotel in order to pack and complete last-minute arrangements.

Hardly had they reached a frozen river than the air-raid alarm sounded. Emulating the Russian patrols when they want to move quickly, they doffed their skis and ran back up the hill, arriving at the top completely out of breath.

They couldn't go a yard further and so took advantage of the only available cover—bathing huts—which, as the drone of planes drew ever nearer, did not seem the best place one would choose.

Finally, unable to bear it any longer, the BBC Observer stuck his head out. He never expected that the sign of Swastikas on the wings of planes would bring a sign of relief—but this was the case here. The emblem of the Finnish air force is a blue Swastika.

Incidentally, these planes were manned by Swedish volunteers who are part of a squadron which kept the Russians at bay.—Reuter.

\*\*\*Besides being blue in colour, the Finnish Swastika rests firmly on its base, unlike the Nazi swastikas which, like so many Nazi things, are cock-eyed.

Wynter Blyth said he understood the Insurance company wanted the case contested but had not supplied legal assistance.

Judgment was given for the Tramway Company with costs.

## DISCUSSION OVER BAIL: POLICE VIEW

LEGAL ARGUMENT OVER THE RIGHT OF THE POLICE TO OPPOSE BAIL TOOK PLACE BETWEEN MR. M. K. LO, DEFENDING SOLICITOR, AND THE MAGISTRATE, MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN, THIS MORNING AT THE KOWLOON POLICE COURT WHEN DET.-SGT. H. J. BALDWIN OPPOSED BAIL TO TWO EMPLOYEES OF A CINEMA, CHARGED WITH UTTERING A FORGED TICKET AND WITH POSSESSION OF EIGHT FORGED TICKETS.

Chu Siu-po, 31, booking office cashier, was charged with uttering and was represented by Mr. M. K. Lo, while Leung Ming, 20, theatre attendant, was charged with possession and was not defended.

Det.-Sgt. Baldwin told the Court that the police were of the opinion that the swindle had been going on for some time. They had not yet completed the investigation. It was very necessary to censure a 48 hours' remand in police custody, without grant of bail.

Mr. Lo objected strongly. His client, he said, had been detained for 48 hours and he could see no reason why the police opposed the bail, unless they could produce evidence to show that his client was likely to escape.

"This is a case taken in the public interest. Further evidence might be destroyed if this man is allowed out on bail," submitted the prosecuting officer.

Mr. Macfadyen, after consulting the Magistrates' Ordinance, remanded both accused in police custody for 48 hours.

According to the prosecution, the forged tickets purported to be issued by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Cinema Company, Ltd.

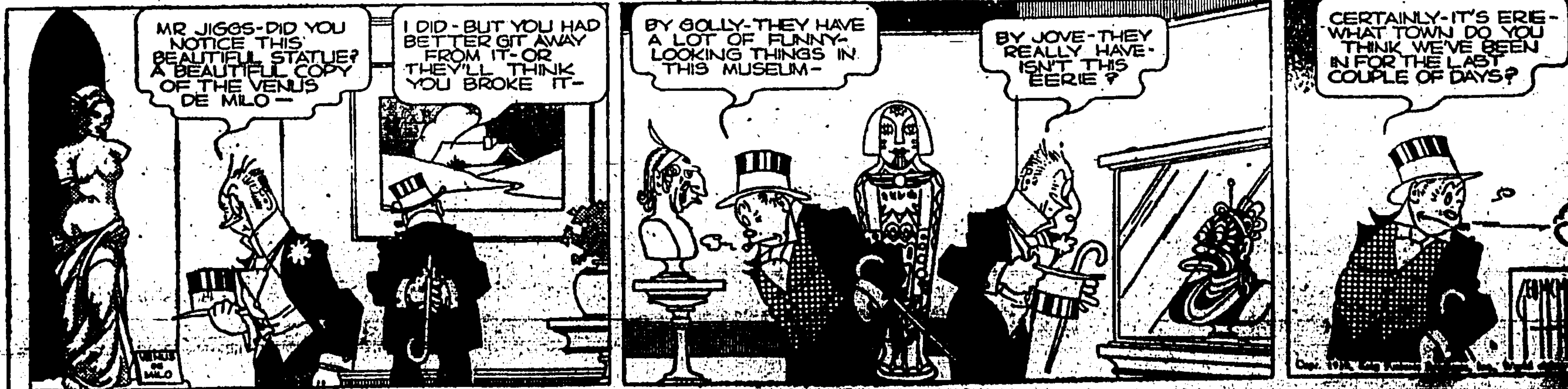
## TRAMWAYS CLAIM

After the evidence of plaintiff company had been taken Yuen Chuen-kee to-day admitted a claim of \$75.45 for damages to a tramcar which was involved in a collision with a motor lorry on October 21.

Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth represented the Tramway Company.

When defendant made no reply to Mr. Justice Lindell's question as to why he had wasted the Court's time and incurred additional costs, Mr.

### Bringing Up Father



By George McMane



# HITLER'S USE OF HIS VICTIMS OF CONQUEST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

COMMENTING ON HITLER'S USE OF HIS VICTIMS OF CONQUEST, THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" POINTS OUT THAT A YEAR AGO M. COULONDRE, FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY, AT A TIME WHEN HITLER WAS TAKING OVER CZECHO-SLOVAKIA, WAS ASKED WHAT WAS THE REAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS MOVE.

In a letter on March 19, 1939, he suggested that Hitler wanted to have at his disposal in time of war a great reserve of labour power and that the Czech supply would help fill up war gaps.

## TRIBUTES TO MR. P.M. HODGSON

Glowing tributes were paid by both branches of the legal profession at the Supreme Court this morning to the late Mr. Paul Mary Hodgson, who passed away yesterday.

The chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, who sat with Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser, said: Before dealing with the ordinary business of the day, it is only fitting that I should say a few words about the sudden death of Mr. Paul Mary Hodgson, to whom so many of us paid our last tributes and respects at his funeral yesterday evening.

We all knew Mr. Hodgson: knew him well and there is not one of us here, I am sure, who did not love and respect him. He served a long apprenticeship with the law—for 35 years, 33 of which he spent in this Colony, in private practice, as Acting Crown Solicitor and as legal adviser to a large corporation.

He was a man of unscrupulous honour, a man of the most lovable quality: one whose loss we all feel—and shall feel deeply in many days to come. I know it is the wish of everyone that I should publicly express from this Bench on behalf of my brother Judges and myself how greatly we mourn his passing and in what full measure our sympathy goes out to his widow, who is now on her way out to this Colony.

### ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S TRIBUTE

On behalf of the Bar and the Colonial Legal Service, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., Attorney General, associated himself with the remarks of the Chief Justice, and added that he had had the privilege of knowing Mr. Hodgson for over 30 years. Mr. Hodgson, he said, devoted himself whole-heartedly to all business that was brought before him and brought the charm of his personality and his great gift of wise counsel to all those who sought his aid.

He was indeed, a very lovable character and we would like to associate ourselves with the expression of sympathy which your Lordship has extended to his wife and daughter."

Dr. S. W. T'so, partner of the late Mr. Hodgson said: I feel deeply and appreciate very much the very kind references by your Lordship and the Attorney General to my late partner, Mr. Hodgson, and the expressions of kind sympathy and condolences to his family.

### JUNIOR BRANCH

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton said: On behalf of the junior branch of the profession, to which our late friend, Mr. Hodgson belonged, I would like to associate myself and the junior members of that profession with all that has fallen from your Lordship's lips and from the lips of the Attorney General. Those who knew Mr. Hodgson loved him. It seems to me that the four words contained in the announcement of his death exemplified

This prophesy, says the "Manchester Guardian" has come true, and not only has Hitler got the Czechs, but also the Poles.

These labourers are called "Hitler's Coolies," and the description is an apt one. A new decree gives labourers under Nazi control who are not Germans a special wage rate substantially below the German rate.

"This is how Hitler proposes to re-organize Europe," the paper concludes.

### GERMAN TERRORISM

"The Times" comments on German terrorism, which it says aims at eliminating the bravest, most distinguished, most learned and most able of the inhabitants which comes under Hitler's control.

The "News Chronicle" discusses a "curious result" of the evacuation of children from danger areas. The evacuation has given town children a taste of, if not for, the country; it has improved health and brought town and country children together.

But there is another result of more questionable value, the impact on dialects—for instance, the impact resulting from the meeting of a Cockney boy and a West Country boy.—Reuter.

## EXCHANGES OF PRISONERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY LADY ASTOR (CON.) IN THE COMMONS, MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, STATED THAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY HAVE AGREED ON AN EXCHANGE OF WAR PRISONERS IN THE FUTURE BUT THE DATE ON WHICH THE TRANSFERS WILL COMMENCE HAS NOT YET BEEN FIXED.

"The British and German Governments have adopted as a model the draft agreement concerning direct repatriation or accommodation in a neutral country, of war prisoners for reasons of health which is suggested in Article 68 of the Geneva Convention of 1929.

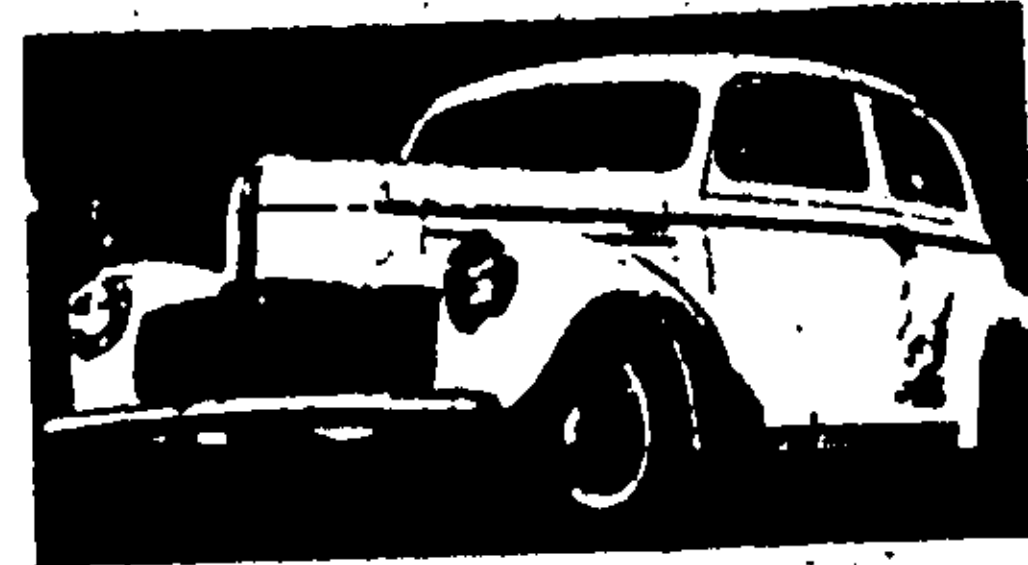
"The appointment of a mixed medical commission, under Article 69 of the same convention, is proceeding but it is impossible at present to state when the exchanges are likely to commence," he concluded.—Havas.

the kindness he felt towards other people. Those words were "No flowers by request," for his wish was that instead of money being expended in the purchase of flowers and wreaths, the money should be donated to charities.

The Law Society has sustained, in the last 12 months, two severe losses—first Mr. F. X. D'Almada, Snr. and now our friend, Mr. Hodgson. Both were members of the Society and both were members of the Committee. We desire to extend to the family of the deceased, our sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

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Haiphong		Feb. 15, 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America, and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 8th March.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
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Japan		Feb. 16, 3.30 p.m.
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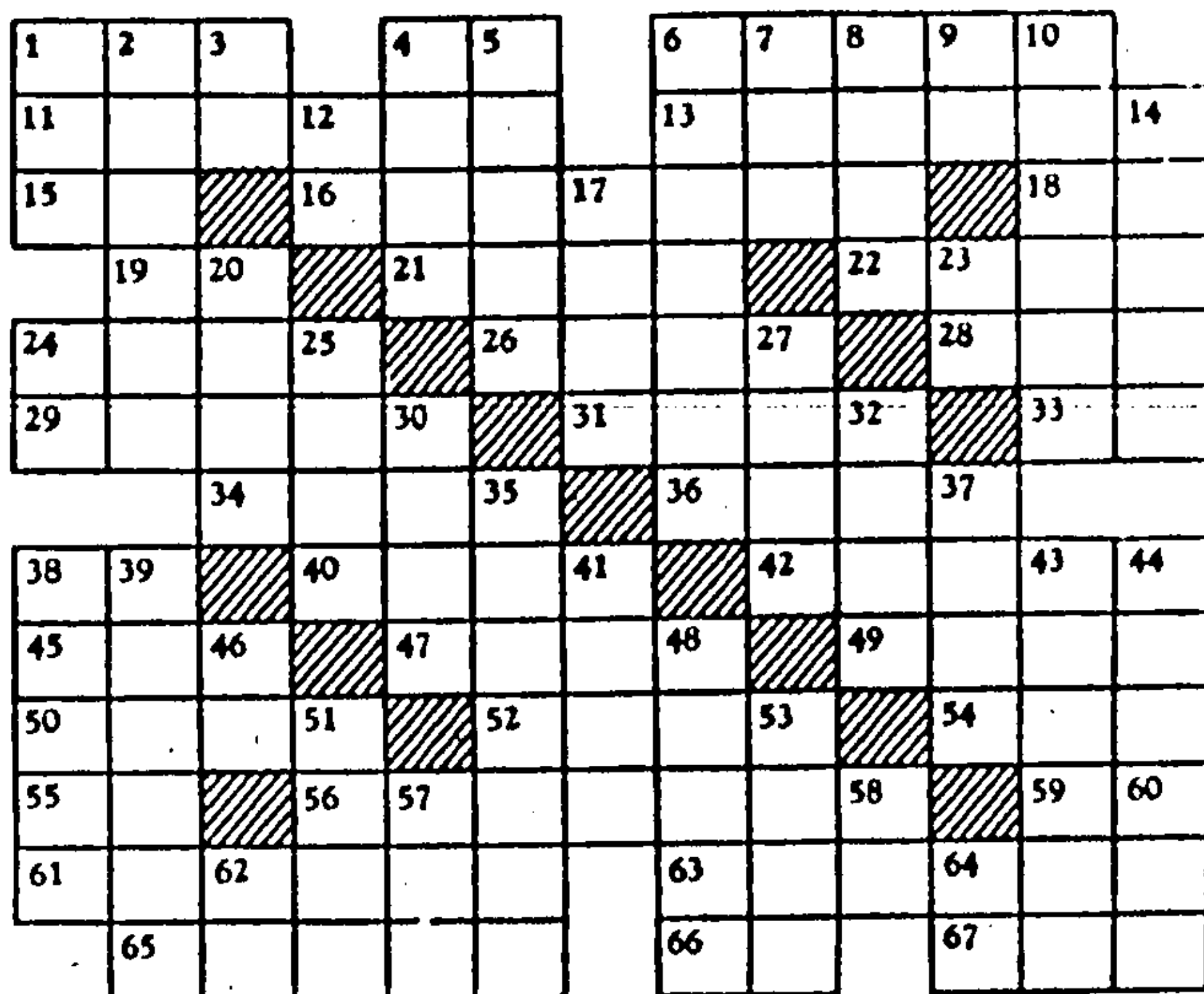
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- 24 Employs
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- 28 South American tribe
- 29 City in Scotland
- 31 Man's name
- 33 Indian mulberry
- 34 Numeral
- 36 Sand-eel
- 38 Extremely
- 40 Bitter cathartic
- 42 To abscond
- 45 Goddess of the harvest
- 47 Affection
- 49 To hang loosely
- 50 Garlands

#### VERTICAL

- 52 Average
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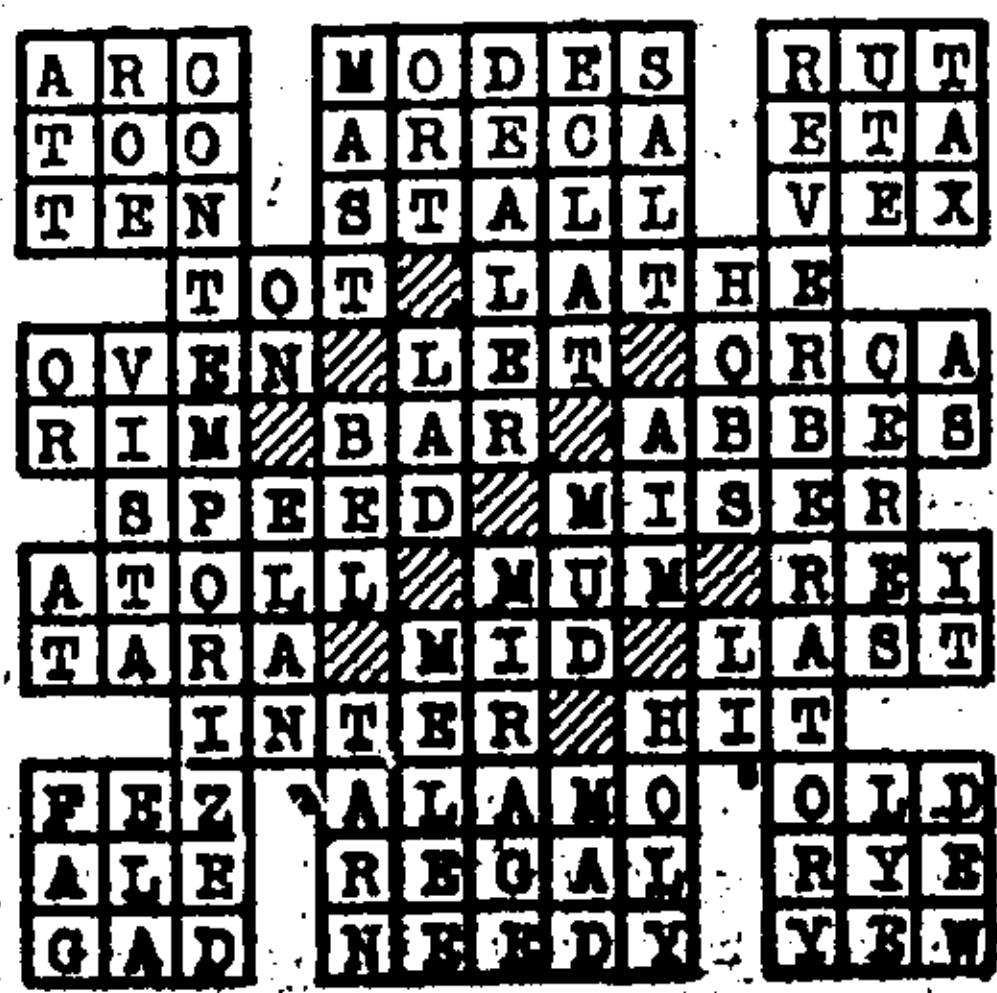
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- 9 Preposition
- 10 Part of eye
- 12 Provided that
- 14 Pertaining to dower
- 17 Ripped
- 20 Peasant
- 23 Behold!
- 24 Dove
- 25 Portico
- 27 To penetrate
- 30 Outer covering
- 32 Framework
- 35 Boarders
- 37 Benevolent
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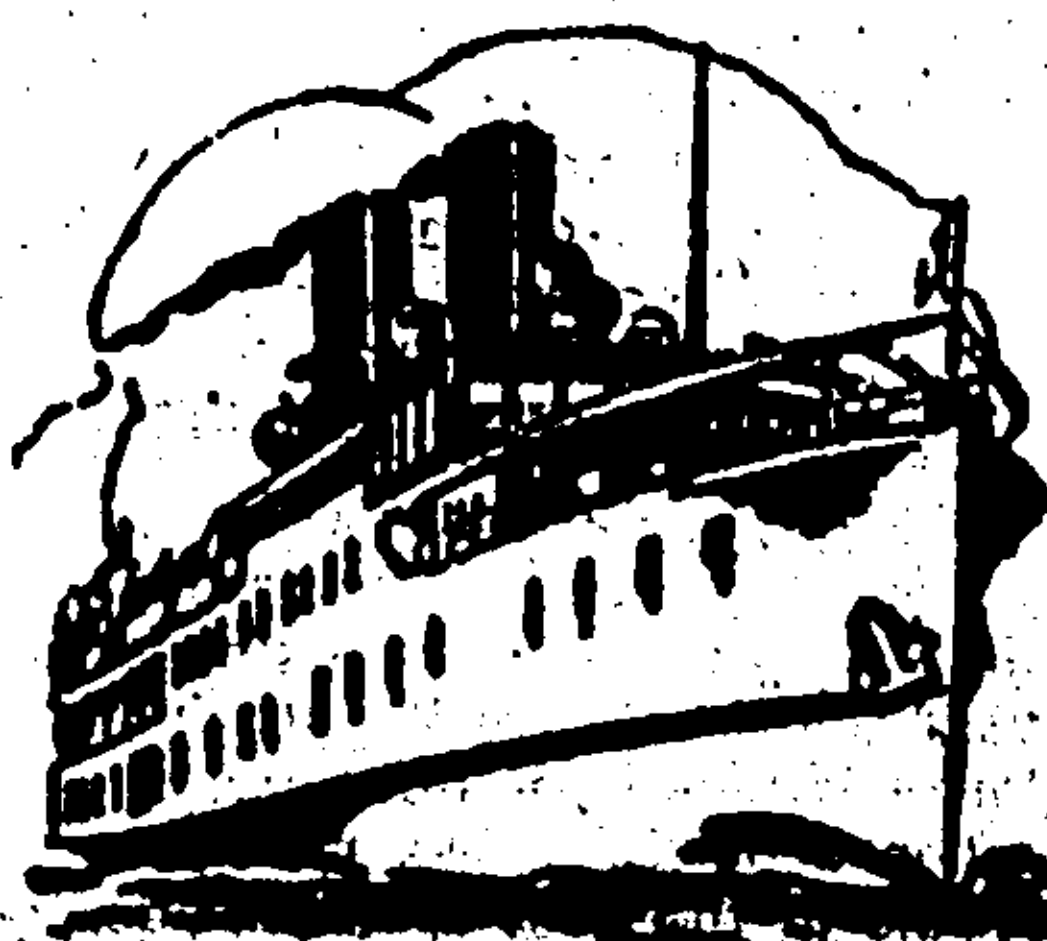
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# LAKE MARKA BATTLE

## HOSTILITIES ON LAPLAND FRONT

(By Our Special Correspondent in Finland, Leland Stowe)

**Salla Sector, To-day.**  
FROM THE ENTRENCHED positions just west of the village of Lake Marka the Russian forces shelled steadily last night and to-day in an effort to hold up the determined Finnish troops which last week drove them back nearly 25 miles from Lake Juotsi.

The invading Red Army corps has now lost the most important point of penetration attained anywhere by the Russians along the entire eastern front, as a visit to the southern Salla sector has just demonstrated to us.

The hostilities in Lapland now centre around Lake Marka, which is 20 miles south-west of Salla. The struggle for Lake Marka village may be prolonged, and is likely to seesaw back and forth. Whether the Russians will counter-attack or will again be severely punished by the Finnish flanking movements remains unpredictable.

What is vital, however, is the fact that the Soviets have been compelled to sacrifice miles of terrain and also, for the first time in this war, that they have managed to retreat in an orderly fashion.

Lake Marka also seems to be the only place along the eastern front where the Russians have constructed fairly strong secondary positions. Harried and slashed on both flanks, they withdrew to these fortified lines after having held advanced posts on Mandivarra Hill—which is northwest of Lake Juotsi and within 15 miles of the key town Kemi on the main road which leads to Rovaniemi. On their retreat the Reds were punished by some of their own guns, which the Finns had captured and turned against them.

### RUSSIAN DEAD

When we rode through Lake Juotsi hamlet and on towards Lake Marka yesterday, we went through the former Finnish and Russian front lines. We saw farmhouses on the shores of Juotsi which had been torn and splintered by Bolshevik artillery fire. We saw a considerable number of Russian corpses, but no Finnish fallen, since, as is customary, they had been promptly removed. What was most interesting was the total lack of Russian war material, of wrecked tanks, thereby testifying to the Soviet retreat and to the fact that guns and heavy weapons had been sent back.

This in no way detracts from an impressive achievement by the Finnish troops against much superior forces. For the first time, however, we had an opportunity to study miles of territory which had previously been held by the Russians, and most of it for nearly a month. What we saw indicated that these invading Russian divisions have had a considerably better leadership than the divisions which were moved from near Syonussalmi and Lake Tolva.

### NARROW NO-MAN'S LAND

The Finnish and Russian lines had faced each other with only 300 yards of separation, across an inlet of Lake Juotsi, and the Russian positions had been dug in there. They had built a score of dug-outs thickly covered with pine logs. When they withdrew, they left this terrain heavily mined so that it was not advisable to tramp about at random in three feet of snow. We learned that the Russians had circled Juotsi village to the north and had reached Mandivarra Hill, but the Finns with flank attacks forced their wholesale withdrawal last week.

In a farmhouse at the southern end of Juotsi we found a number of Russian dead and more in the adjacent woods and undergrowth. A group of seven soldiers lay together beneath a spruce—apparently wiped out in a surprise handgrenade attack at night. One Russian corpse was almost headless, yet the frozen-upraised hand still clutched a grenade.

This soldier had been on the point of throwing it when killed.

### KILLED BY "BANDITS"

Several miles further along the road to Lake Marka, we came upon a deserted Russian camp; 20 or 30 abandoned supply waggons were the only signs of Soviet war material—not even a bayonet or a clip of Russian cartridges was to be found. Here, however, were two Russian graves with shaved stakes serving as tombstones.

On the stakes, the names of the Russians were printed in ink. No indication of rank was given. The inscriptions written in Russian read as follows: "Killed in battle December 26th, fighting against White Guard bandits for the freedom of Finland." The place of their death had been obliterated by someone before we arrived.

From there we proceeded further along the Lake Marka road past the now familiar chimneys of burned farmhouses and again through a pine and spruce forest. At one point the car stopped and we descended, not knowing what to expect.

### ROBBING THE DEAD

Three soldiers were hauling a canoe-chaped Lapp sledge. In it lay a dead Finnish soldier, the first I have seen since arriving in Finland. All his clothing except the woollen underwear had been removed from the corpse. On the northern Salla front officers had told us about the Russians removing woollen uniforms from some of the Finnish dead. The man's arms had frozen extended above his head in the position they had taken when his coat and shirt were taken off.

Further on we learned that the Russians are holding a ridge on the outskirts of Lake Marka village while the Finns occupy a hill on the southern side of the road. The Soviets are blazing away with artillery and wasting most of their shells, as they do everywhere. The lines are relatively close and flexible, as they spread out on either side beyond the ridge and the hill. Only small groups of men can move up to or near the Finnish advance posts in these positions. The Finns can often hear the Russians talking or shouting and every shot brings a retaliatory burst of fire. The war along the Lapland front remains open and fluctuating. It is only close to the Lake Marka road that the Russians have fortifications which indicate they intend to make a stand.

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### WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has increased moderately in intensity and extended eastward and southward covering China, Japan and the neighbouring seas. The depression has moved into the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido.

## AUSTRALIA BROADCASTS TO EUROPE

Canberra, To-day.

Mr. Archie Cameron, leader of the Australian "Country Party" broadcast from Australia to Europe yesterday. He addressed his remarks in particular to the German people.

Discussing fundamental war aims, he said that the British Empire desires nothing from German owners. In the past, British countries have provided homes for German emigrants, many of whom had been welcomed in Australia and were now part of it. The British Empire merely insists that Germany's neighbours shall be allowed to maintain their independent government and their own state of liberty.

Germany is now meeting Australia again, with little learnt from the last war. Australians felt as they did in the last war; they were participating in it not because the Government ordered them to, but because they believed in the justice of the British cause. Seven Australian Divisions fought in the last war and others will follow them this time.

Looking to the future, after the war is over, Mr. Cameron said they hoped that political, civil and religious freedom would be established in Europe and that small states could exist by the side of big ones without feeling the threat from one man or the profit of a few.—Reuter.

## COTTON FOR EXPORT

London, To-day.

The Government is forming a Cotton Board to develop the cotton export trade. Its committee of 12 members will represent the workers and manufacturers; the chairman will be "independent."

Apart from the export trade, its other duties will include acting as an advisory body to Government departments; promoting and encouraging research; investigation of consumption; and conducting negotiations.

Part of the money raised from the Spinners will be given to the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation.—Reuter.

## GERMANY DAY BY DAY

### RULE BY DEATH PENALTY

Judgment on a point of law delivered by Hamburg Appeal Court makes it clear that the Nazis intend to enforce with full severity the recent decree prescribing the death penalty even for such petty offences as larceny and brawling after dark.

The court decided that the law applied to all offences committed between sunset and sunrise, irrespective of whether the accused person was consciously "taking advantage of the black-out."

Public feeling against the ruthlessness of the law is reflected even in guarded newspaper comment.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" cites three recent offences which, it says, must now be regarded as capital crimes: Two men came to blows after a drinking party; a youth robbed an automatic machine; and a woman snatched another woman's bag.

The "Koelnischer Zeitung" is bold enough to speak of the "merciless severity" of the law. This paper points out that virtually any crime committed "under war conditions" carries the death penalty, while unsuccessful attempts commit a crime are punished exactly as if they had succeeded.

## ILLEGAL IMPORTS

Before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Lok Kau, 35, travelling trader, was charged with importing 260 pounds of wolfram ore into the Colony on board the s.s. Haitan.

Mr. W. A. Grimmitt told the Court that defendant was arrested when he landed with five bags of wolfram ore, which he admitted he brought from Haiphong.

A fine of \$10 was imposed, and the wolfram ore was ordered to be confiscated.

Another Chinese Ng Luk, was fined \$10 for importing unmanifested cargo into the Colony on board the s.s. Tin Sang.

It was said that defendant concealed 25 packages of merchandise inside his cabin without reporting it to the agents.

The goods were ordered to be confiscated.

## NATIONALISATION OF TRANSPORT REJECTED

London, To-day.

BY A MAJORITY OF 67, the House of Commons on Tuesday night rejected a Labour motion for the nationalisation of inland and coastwise transport.

The debate arose over the Government scheme whereby the railways are guaranteed £40,000,000 profits a year while they are under Government control.

Mr. Herbert Morrison attacked the agreement on the ground that it guaranteed the railways higher profits than they would have made in peacetime.

Captain Wallace, Minister of Transport, said that the agreement had two merits:—They were paying for the railways as they used them, with no postponed liabilities; the scheme combined economy with efficiency.

The day after the agreement was signed, he went on, the railway workers received an advance in wages. If left to themselves, the railways would have made much more than they will under the agreement.—Reuter.

## RUMANIAN OIL EXPORTS

London, To-day.

The question of the export of oil from Rumania in all its aspects was at present the subject of discussion between the British and Rumanian Governments, said the Foreign Under-Secretary in a Commons reply. He was unable to make a further statement yet.—British Wireless.



## REAL LIFE DETECTIVE TRIUMPHS

## TRAGEDY IN BAVARIA

Marie Anna Holzmann, a very prepossessing woman of middle age, lodged for many years in the home of a shoemaker in Augsburg, Bavaria. She was a person of means and it was a source of wonder that such a beautiful representative of the sex had never married.

There were two other lodgers in the house, one a silly sort of fellow named Steiner and the other his friend, an older and more serious man known as Rauschmeir. Steiner was disposed to flirt with Miss Holzmann, but she treated him with indifference. Rauschmeir all but ignored her and whenever they met gave her a sort of grunting salutation.

One day as she was leaving the house the shoemaker-landlord asked her when she would be back and she replied laughingly:

"When I get here."

The woman was never seen alive after that moment. For several weeks the landlord never did or said anything. But shoemakers, like fishermen, are apt to be philosophers. As he sat on his low bench, hour after hour, pegging away at his shoes, he dreamed of more things than occur to the average mortal. One morning he began thinking of Miss Holzmann and he started to put two and two together. He arose from his bench with an exclamation of dismay.

In that moment he had become convinced that the missing woman had met with foul play!

He called on the chief of police of Augsburg and confided his suspicions to that functionary. The officials at headquarters put him through a severe cross-examination. They wanted to know why he had delayed informing them of the strange disappearance of his lodger. His reply was that, until a few hours before, he had not

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considered it a case for the police. This was on April 12, 1821, but even at that period detectives had a formula which corresponds to our present third degree.

"When it was ended the shoe-maker-landlord was held under arrest as 'a material witness.'"

The detectives hurried to the room formerly occupied by Miss Holzmann and made a careful search. They found nothing of importance. But what they did not find was significant. Everything of any value owned by the woman had disappeared. The other two lodgers had given up their rooms after the arrest of their landlord and could not be located.

Weeks went by with no developments and finally the landlord was given his liberty. After that things moved rapidly. One day the shoe-maker went into a little-used loft of the house to get some linen from the top shelf of a closet and pulled down a gruesome package.

It was part of a human body!

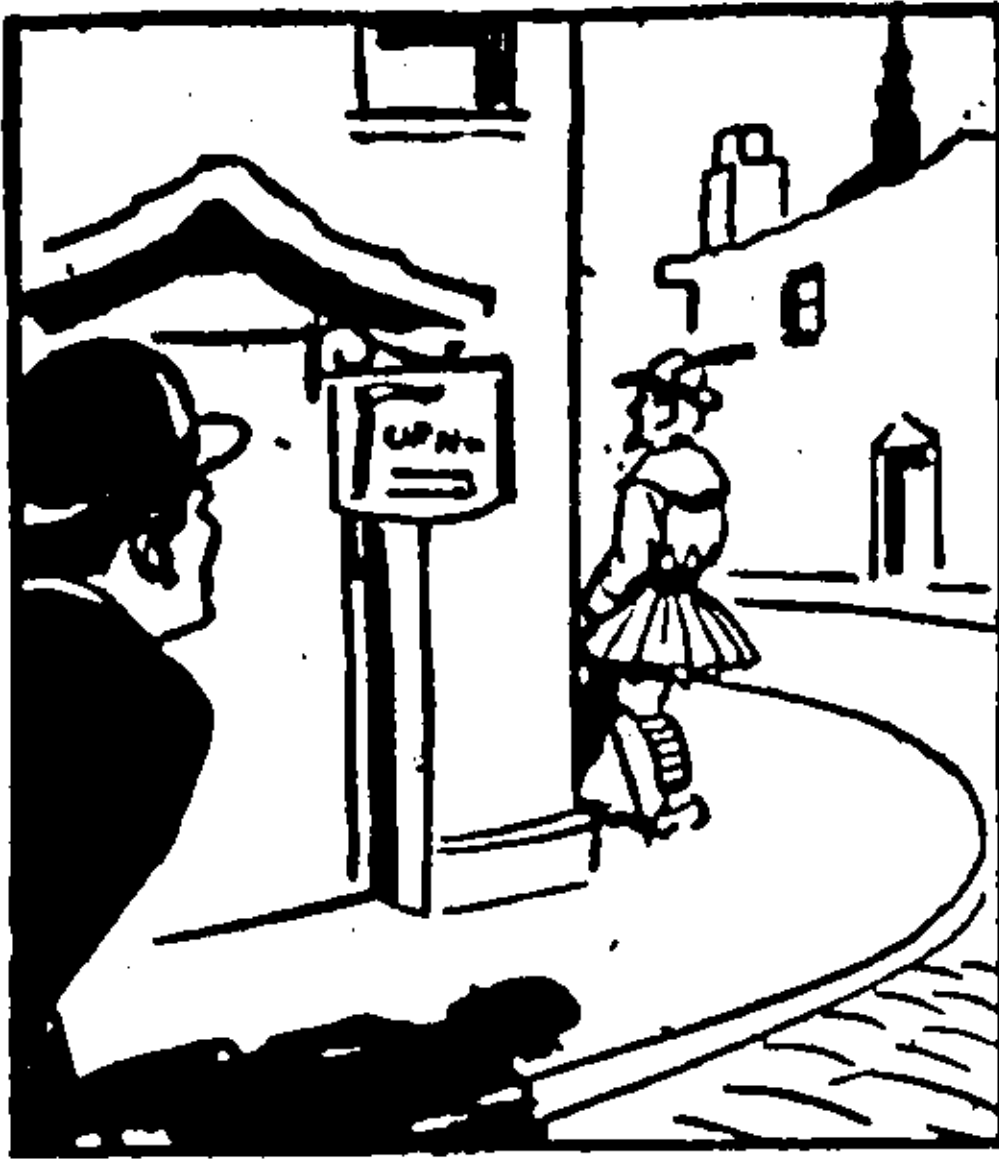
In the course of the next few days other portions were found in various places—some on the roof, some in the chimney and some in a stream near the house. When these horrible fragments had been reassembled they proved to be the remains of Marie Anna Holzmann.

Rauschmeir was located in the meantime and was shadowed day and night in the hope that he might do something that would connect him with the crime.

He did!

He was caught in the act of pawn-ing a coat which had belonged to the dead woman. He was arrested and when accused of the theft calmly admitted that he had stolen the coat from the woman's room. But he laughed at the suggestion of murder.

A second search of the room once used by Rauschmeir brought forth a brass ring. It was splashed with blood, which satisfied the police it had become stained while Rauschmeir was dismembering the body of his victim.



But to make sure they resolved on a test.

They gathered together a quantity of rings and jewellery, including the brass ring, called Rauschmeir into the room and accused him of stealing the stuff from the dead woman. He denied the charge. He insisted that some of the jewellery belonged to him.

"See here," he exclaimed, picking up the fatal brass ring, "this is mine. I have owned it for years. See, it fits my finger exactly."

As he spoke he slipped the tell-tale ring on the fourth finger of his left hand. And in doing so he also slipped the noose around his neck. Steiner, arrested soon afterward, made a confession which proved the guilt of Rauschmeir.

## INTERPORT FOOTBALL

A.V. GOSANO  
WASTED IN  
DEFENCE?

Shanghai, Feb. 9.

Shanghai retained the Hong Kong Telegraph Interport Cup at the Canidrome in fine weather before a crowd of 15,000 when the local eleven trounced the Colony footballers by two goals to nil. A stubborn defence and rare opportunism were responsible for the victory. Vincent "Blondy" Roboostoff and Freddie Foyn, the city's two speed merchants, each scored to keep the coveted trophy in the possession of the Shanghai Football Association for at least another twelve months. It was a scrappy game in which neither side was able to combine well as a team. Shanghai showed more aggressiveness and held the upperhand throughout the 90 minutes of play. In the first half the invaders were kept mostly on the defensive and it was only a lack of finish among the local forwards that prevented Shanghai from having a lead of more than one goal at the interval.

Hong Kong played a losing game at the very beginning. It appeared that the visitors had made a big mistake in putting A. V. Gosano, the captain and a very fast raider, at centre-half just to keep a close watch on Roboostoff. The versatile Portuguese star did a remarkable job in the rear, but his absence in the front line was so keenly felt that there was little life in it.

J. Hossack, the centre-forward, put in a lot of hard work, always trying to break his way through. However, he lacked the support of Gosano and fought desperately to no avail. Ernie Strange, the outside-left, also played a hard game, but he experienced too much difficulty in getting away from the sturdy George Collet. F. Forrow, the inside-left, and D. J. Leonard, the inside-right, were only mediocre in their performances. They did most of the play in midfield. In the second half Leonard preferred to direct long-range shots, sending over the cross-bar three long ones from a distance of about 30 yards. T. McEwan, at outside-right, fared disappointingly in such a manner that both Jim Ward and W. Harrison were not fully tested.

For Shanghai, Yvon Segalen, the right-half, Lee and Collet were the mainstays. These three men took up the majority of defensive play and,

TENNIS  
TOURNEY  
ENTRIES

The following entries have been received for the British War Organisation Fund's Tennis Tournament, to be held on Sunday next:

T. A. Pearce and Miss Joan Armstrong.

T. C. Monaghan and Miss M. Griffiths.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldman.

B. O'M. Deane and Miss D. Eardley.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Garrard.

Eric Grimble and Miss R. Vickers.

E. T. McMullen and Miss D. Dodwell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell.

Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. R. E. Lindsell.

G. W. Sewell and Mrs. F. J. Stoneman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark.

Mr. and Mrs. Stansfeld.

D. M. McDougall and Miss Jean Greig.

C. M. Stark and Miss Joanna Reeve.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Childe.

N. D. Lloyd and Mrs. B. Hyde Lay.

T. J. Gould and Mrs. A. C. Hutchison.

J. L. C. Pearce and Miss P. Pritchard.

Surg. Capt. G. V. Hobbs and Miss Smedley.

Capt. and Mrs. T. D. H. Helby.

Ho Ka Lau and Mrs. Litton.

D. R. H. Moore and Miss Helen Lindsell.

Mrs. and Mrs. R. K. Valentine.

Surg. Com. C. B. Nicholson and Mrs. Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bousfield.

M. H. Turner and Miss Beryl Fair.

R. E. Farrell and Miss Elsie Lamert.

Capt. A. C. F. Drew Wilkinson and Mrs. A. S. Mitchell.

R. H. Wild and Mrs. W. Woodward.

R. C. Beavan and Miss Joan Smalley.

Brig. T. MacLeod and Mrs. Blaker.

Capt. and Mrs. C. H. R. Hyde.

Comdr. W. P. McCarthy and Miss O. Green.

A. C. I. Bowker and Mrs. J. R. Collis.

D. G. Glenn Allen and Miss Purkis.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Matthews.

J. A. H. Douglas and Mrs. Turnbull.

Capt. H. D. Mountford and Mrs. Mountford.

Lt. Col. H. L. Rose and Mrs. Rose.

Capt. and Mrs. D. Holmes.

B. D. Evans and Mrs. A. E. Grasett.

Capt. E. N. Thursby and Miss A. Dowbiggan.

D. G. Day and Miss Helen Hills.

D. I. Bosanquet and Miss P. Dodwell.

Capt. D. B. Bird and Miss Mary MacDonald.

Lt. F. W. M. Carter and Miss G. Marr.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Newbiggin.

V. R. Gordon and partner.

S. E. Lavrov and Miss Hill.

F. Marshall and Mrs. A. F. Walkden.

Lee Wai Tong and Mrs. Chiu Chun Chiu.

Pay. Lt. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ilsley.

G. C. Burnett and Mrs. Stoker.

W. Stoker and Mrs. Burnett.

Entry Fees have also been received from Messrs. E. H. Williams, H. E. Wilkinson and H. R. B. Hancock who will not be playing.

The list is now closed.

at times, ran up the field to participate in the offensive. Segalen was conspicuous in lending a big hand to both McClarty and Foyn. Roboostoff and K. S. Suen were their usual selves, but C. T. Tsao had a hard time as Guy, Hong Kong's right-half, hung on him like a leach.

The teams were:

Shanghai:—W. Ward, G. Collet, W. Harrison, Y. Segalen, N. Z. Lee, J. Ward, F. Foyn, H. McClarty, V. Roboostoff, K. S. Suen, C. T. Tsao.

Hong Kong:—I. Moxham, A. J. Hussain, S. Strange, Guy, A. V. Gosano, R. G. Honniball, T. McEwan, D. J. Leonard, J. Hossack, K. Forrow, E. Strange.

Referee:—A. Sinclair.

Linesmen:—O. G. R. Beynon and L. Chang.

INTERPORT  
RUGBY  
REPORT

On Thursday, February 8, Hong Kong beat Shanghai by 8 points to 6 in the Rugby Interport in Shanghai.

The following is "The North China Daily News" comment on the players:

The Hong Kong forwards did very well indeed on a pitch that was against good football, but in the last twenty minutes when the visitors were eight points ahead, they were completely outplayed and Shanghai were unlucky not to have gained the day. There was an element of doubt about Hong Kong's goal, it appearing to many present that at least three Hong Kong forwards were offside immediately before Redman went over under the posts, while near the end of the game it seemed that Kennedy, the Shanghai centre, scored quite a legitimate try which was not allowed.

The encounter never reached great heights and quite a number of friendly games have been seen on the Race Course this season that have been far better in quality than this long-awaited struggle.

## BEAUTIFUL KICKS

Henderson, the stocky Hong Kong full-back, gave a great performance to drive back the Shanghai side with beautiful kicks to touch. His catching was clean, his place kicking was good and he played a delightfully cool game in conditions that suited nobody. The winners' threes all did well considering the almost impossible state of the ball, their handling on occasions being a revelation that opened the eyes of all present. Bosanquet, on the right, showed plenty of thrust, his terrific speed and great weight always causing danger to the Shanghai defence whenever he was placed in possession. His try was a beauty and well deserved, the manner in which he rushed past three defenders without the slightest difficulty being the work of a first-class craftsman.

## BIDWELL'S SPEED

Bidwell and Hutchison did well and the former's quickness led to the second score for Hong Kong. Thomson and Cessford combined well at half while prominent among the Hong Kong forwards were Walkden, Salter, Godfrey and Redman.

Dickson, the usually reliable Shanghai full-back, had an off-day. His place and touch kicking were weak while he was often railed when in possession. His tackling and catching were as good as ever but the wet ball and the state of the ground snowed him in a light that no one had ever suspected possible. Jimmy Martin, on the left wing, played a splendid defensive game and although he was not in position when Bosanquet went over, he had no superiors in this part of the match. Kennedy and Thornley played hard.

## DICKINSON THE BEST

Dickinson was the best of the Shanghai XV. He worked from start to finish like a Trojan and had the better of Thomson in many duels. Of the forwards, who fought as they can only during the last twenty minutes, R. U. Reynolds, Gammie and Sayle were the best. Had the pack behaved itself throughout as it did in the closing stages, Hong Kong would have retired badly defeated.

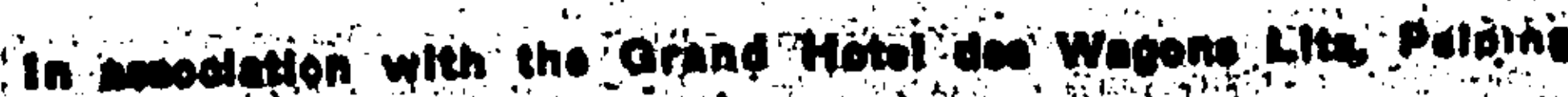
Hong Kong:—J. R. Henderson; D. I. Bosanquet, J. C. Charter, J. Hutchison, H. D. Bidwell; F. Cessford, J. M. Thomson; P. F. Wanklyn, K. W. Salter, A. F. Walkden (Captain), C. F. Needham, E. Hynes, G. B. Godfrey, A. J. G. Taylor and J. Redman.

Shanghai:—W. N. Dickson; S. J. Ward, S. M. Thornley, A. P. D. Kennedy, J. W. M. Martin; J. F. Aucott, J. R. Dickson; A. Gammie, R. U. Reynolds, R. A. O. Mayne, J. D. Sayle, W. D. Pearson (Captain), S. A. Wallace, G. H. Reynolds and P. B. Taylor. Referee:—Mr. E. McLaren.

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Subject to audit, the Directors of The Vibro Piling Co., Ltd. have recommended a Dividend of 50 cents and a bonus of 25 cents per share in respect of the year ended 31st December 1939.







# ST. JOHN'S BEATEN

## St. Andrew's Inflict First Defeat Of Season

(By "ADREM")

M. R. Abbas, of the same club, also had a very good match on Sunday, scoring 46 runs and taking 5 for 21. He is one of the few cricketers in Second Division who appear in both the batting and bowling lists.

## BATTING

		N.		I. O. R. H.S. Avge.	
D.	J. N. Anderson				
(K.C.C.)	2	1	131	75*	131.00
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.)	3	1	107	57*	53.50
N. Beltrao (Rec.)	3	2	48	29*	48.00
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	2	1	38	30*	38.00
Sgt. Webb (Army)	2	0	73	59	36.50
L. G. Gosano (Rec.)	3	0	90	72	30.00
K. Nazarin (I.R.C.)	2	0	56	54	28.00
A. M. Rodrigues (Rec.)	2	1	23	13	23.00
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	3	0	67	47	22.33
F. R. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	2	0	44	44	22.00
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	2	0	41	41	20.50
Y. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	3	1	41	23*	20.50
A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	3	0	60	25	20.00
E. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	2	0	38	37	19.00
M. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	3	1	37	19	18.50
A. P. Pereira (Rec.)	2	1	18	16*	18.00
Lt. Skipworth (Army)	2	0	30	23	15.00
E. A. Lee (C.C.C.)	2	0	30	18	15.00

## BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	10	1	36	7	5.14
H. L. Ozorio (Rec.)	35.2	7	96	13	7.38
G. Winch (C.C.C.)	19	2	69	7	9.85
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	36.4	10	145	14	10.35
N. D. Lloyd (K.C.C.)	34.6	3	147	12	12.25
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	33	7	113	9	12.55
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	30	8	117	9	13.00

## BATTING

		N.	O. R. H. S. Ave.
Major Swyers (Army)	2	2	40 27
J. A. Soares (Rec.)	2	2	28 17
Lt. Fergus (Army)	2	1	66 54
C. W. Lam (C.C.C.)	2	1	53 28
H. A. Barros (Rec.)	4	1	118 35
Lt. Man (Army)	2	0	77 64
Capt. Whatman (Army)	2	0	73 50
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	3	1	72 45
F. H. Carvalho (Rec.)	2	1	33 25
Q. M. S. Patterson (Army)	3	0	91 63
G. Ainslie (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	91 86
J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.)	2	0	57 35
W. L. Clarke (Police)	2	0	53 35
G. Hong Choy (Univ.)	2	0	52 46
A. J. Wright (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	29 15
F. J. Lay (K.C.C.)	4	0	87 44
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	3	1	42 23
G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.)	3	1	49 54
R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	3	0	55 28
M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)	3	0	58 29
T. T. Chiu (Univ.)	3	0	57 44
Capt. Lawrence (Army)	2	0	56 29
G. Stone (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	55 33
W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.)	4	0	75 41
A. V. Gosano (Rec.)	2	0	52 17
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	4	2	55 24
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)	2	0	55 25
F. A. Cursem (I.R.C.)	2	0	57 52
G. Pope (Police)	2	0	54 22
H. Danbrowsky (Police)	2	0	54 24
M. M. Soares (Univ.)	2	0	57 25
W. K. Way (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	55 25
V. C. Bond (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	45 27

(By "ADREM")

## Eardley And Smith Unbeatable

The match was really decided in the fifth game of the evening when Fincher and Kew beat D. Kwok and Maynard in a thrilling game after being led by 19—17. Drawing up and "setting" the St. Andrew's pair took a lead but fighting gallantly, the St. John's pair contested every point only to lose at the post.

A. S. Bliss and A. E. P. Guest (St. Andrew's).

lost to Eardley and Smith .....	9-21
lost to Kwok and Beavan .....	6-21
beat Kwok and Maynard .....	21-11

**E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's).**  
lost to Eardley and Smith ..... 8-21  
beat Kwok and Beavan ..... 21-16  
beat Kwok and Maynard ..... 24-23

**Comments on this match  
will appear in Badminton  
notes to-morrow.**

**BOWLING:**

	AVG (10 or under)	O. M.	R. M.	Age
W. T. Hanna (K.P.C.)	100	4	47	8.32
A. A. Chastres (R.S.N.)	100	3	106	7.29
J. Ford (Army)	8	1	54	7.77
E. M. Mawata (S.M.A.)	100	3	75	6.80
E. Taylor (K.P.C.)	100	2	107	6.47
R. King (Army)	100	0	122	6.30
W. P. Smith (S.M.A.)	100	2	98	6.14
R. M. (S.M.A.)	100	4	95	6.00
M. M. (S.M.A.)	100	1	90	5.92
M. M. (S.M.A.)	100	1	91	5.92
M. M. (S.M.A.)	100	1	86	5.80
M. M. (S.M.A.)	100	2	86	5.40

(By "SCUM-HALF")

Colours led at the interval by tries scored by Butler and Beattie against a try by Richardson for Stripes. After the interval, however, Stripes asserted their obvious superiority and scored tries through Day (2), Aitkenhead and Wright-Nooth to win by 15 points to 9 points. Benn scored for Colours in the second half.

K. A. Watson made his first appearance this season and looks to be in fairly good trim.

# ARMY RUGBY

Gunnr. Easterbrook (5 A.A.R.A.); L/Bdr. Richards (8th H.R.A.), L/Cpl. Walte (R.E.), Lieut. Coombe (R.A.M.C.), L/Cpl. Birrell (R.E.); Lieut. Douglas (R.S.), L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.); Pte. Berry (Mdx. R.), Corpl. Sutherland (R.S.), Lieut. Hewitt (Mdx. R.); 2/Lt. Millar (R.S.), 2/Lt. Cuthbertson (R.S.); 2/Lt. Pinkerton (S.S.), Corpl. Sheldrake (R.E.), Lieut. Riddale (R. Norfolk R.).

Reserves:—Sappr. Artingstall (R.E.), L/Sgt. Marsh (8th R.A.), Corpl. Coombe (R.S.) and L/Sgt. Brinkley (R.E.).

## ARMY SEVENS

Tuesday 5/3/40. 3.00 p.m. Prelims.  
Tuesday 12/3/40. 3.00 p.m. Finals.  
The rules will be as in the Colony Seven-  
a-Side Tournament and an Entrance Fee of  
two dollars per team will be charged.  
Entries must reach the Hon. Sec. by  
22/3/40 together with Entrance Fee.

## INTER-UNIT League Table

	P	W	L	R	F	A	Tot
PHIL.....	7	0	1	0	68	69	18
PROPERTY.....	5	3	2	0	47	52	0
DRUGS.....	1	3	2	0	30	36	0
ALL OTHERS.....	0	1	0	0	10	11	0
TOTAL.....	8	0	3	0	155	168	0

## ХОККЕЙ

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

**Rajputana Rifles:—**Rfn. Surja Ram; Rfn. Datta Ram and L/Nk Gida Ram; Rfn. Bham Singh, Lt. Pritam Hath and L/Nk Duda Ram; Rfn. Sheh Wali, Lt. Mdarjeet Singh, Rfn. Dhan Singh, Lt. Mikhtar Singh and L/Nk Takhat Singh.

# COLONY HOLD LIDO

Shanghai February 10.

Rallying in the last stages, after losing a penalty goal, the Shanghai Chinese, represented by the entire Lido team, held the Hong Kong Inter-Porters to a one-all draw at the Canidrome in the second game of the current series. Both sides were keyed up to a high pitch because of the closeness. The defence of the two teams was airtight and the forwards were given no chance to get near to the goal. The local Chinese proved much faster and had better chances to break through, but each time they were stopped by the fine tackling of K. Forrow and A. J. Hussian, the two backs, and Guy, the centre-half.

Individually, Guy was the best man. He covered a big territory and never allowed the Chinese forwards any leeway. He made full use of his height and weight and was really the mainstay of the Colony team, Forrow at right back worked well with Hussain. With Guy in the middle the trio gave Moxham plenty of coverage.

Among the forwards, A. V. Gosano and J. Hossack were the pick. Ernie Strange on the left wing was fast, but he wasted several fine opportunities by over-dribbling towards the goal. His offensive in the second half was dangerous and two timely centres nearly resulted in goals. Fox, the centre-forward, was well marked by N. L. Mann while D. J. Leonard, who started out as a full-back, was a mere passenger, having received an ankle injury in the early stages.

Hong Kong:—Messrs. J. V. Russell, D.  
Leonard, K. Fung, G. S. G. Honan,  
T. Cassidy, Messrs. Fox, A. V. Go-



## SCOTTISH CUP TIES

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE HAS DECIDED TO CONDUCT THIS YEAR'S CUP COMPETITION AMONG THE 31 CLUBS AT PRESENT CONSTITUTING THE REGIONAL LEAGUES, BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 24 AND ENDING ON MAY 4.

Matches will be played at home and away on the basis of the winners of each tie being the scorers of the most goals in the two matches.

Cowdenbeath has closed down for the duration of the war and has withdrawn from the Scottish Eastern League.—Reuter.

## Eastern To Visit Manila

EASTERN ATHLETIC Association have arranged with the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation to visit Manila at the end of April to play a series of games there.

The Hong Kong Football Association had received an invitation to play there during that period but owing to their commitment with Saigon were

unable to accept, and also because it is the policy of the Association to expect a return visit in every Interport series.

Manila were not able to come here during the Chinese New Year, so that if Hong Kong went to Manila in April there would be no time for a return visit from Manila this season.

In order to make this trip possible by the end of April Eastern are asking

that their League fixtures be accelerated in order that they will be able to finish their games by April 15.

Normally the League ends about that time, but this season owing to abnormal and unavoidable circumstances as camps etc., a number of games had to be postponed so that Eastern may not be able to obtain the permission—as they will still have games to play—to leave by April 15.

### HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day.

Playing at home in the South "B" League yesterday, Brentford lost to Fulham by 2 goals to 6.—Reuter.

### SAIGON WIN

Saigon football team won by four goals to one against Combined Macao team at Macao yesterday.



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# MACHINE-GUNNING OF SEAMEN BY NAZI FLIERS

London, To-day.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS yesterday, Col. Rt. Hon. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether, in view of the machine-gunning of seamen by German 'planes, he would see that no ships were sent out to pick up Nazi airmen who were brought down in the sea.

Mr. Churchill replied that His Majesty's Ships had observed—and would continue to observe—the ordinary instincts of humanity, which requires the rescue from the sea of all shipwrecked mariners and castaways.

## \$7,000 SWINDLE

The Wing On Company were swindled of \$7,000 yesterday.

A man visited the office and presented a bill for \$7,000 for goods alleged to have been ordered by the company.

Later in the afternoon it was discovered that no goods relating to the forged bill had been ordered or received by the company.

Police investigations are proceeding, and there is a suspicion that it was an inside job.

## GRETAFIELD ABLAZE BEFORE SINKING

London, To-day.

Twenty-eight of the crew of the Gretafield were picked up by a trawler. Eighteen of them were injured and are now in hospital. The ship burst into flames before she sank.—Reuter.

Vice-Admiral E. A. Taylor (Conservative) said that it was repugnant to every seaman that he should not do all he could to save anyone from the water.

In London yesterday, contrast was drawn between the fate of a British lightship's crew and the crew of the scuttled Wakama's crew.

The British ship was sunk by a Nazi 'plane which knew it could do nothing to save the crew, and was therefore sending them to almost certain death. The next day, seven bodies had washed ashore.

The crew of the scuttled German liner Wakama, on the other hand, were picked up by a British cruiser and are safe and well.—Reuter.

## WORKERS OF WORLD UNITE!—NEW STYLE

Berlin, To-day.

The German Labour Leader, Dr. Ley, has called on the workers of the world to unite against the English-Jewish-Democracies.—Reuter.

\*\*\* At one time, only Moscow shouted:—"Workers of the World, Unite!" Is this part of the recent trade agreement?

## RAINCOAT MODELS

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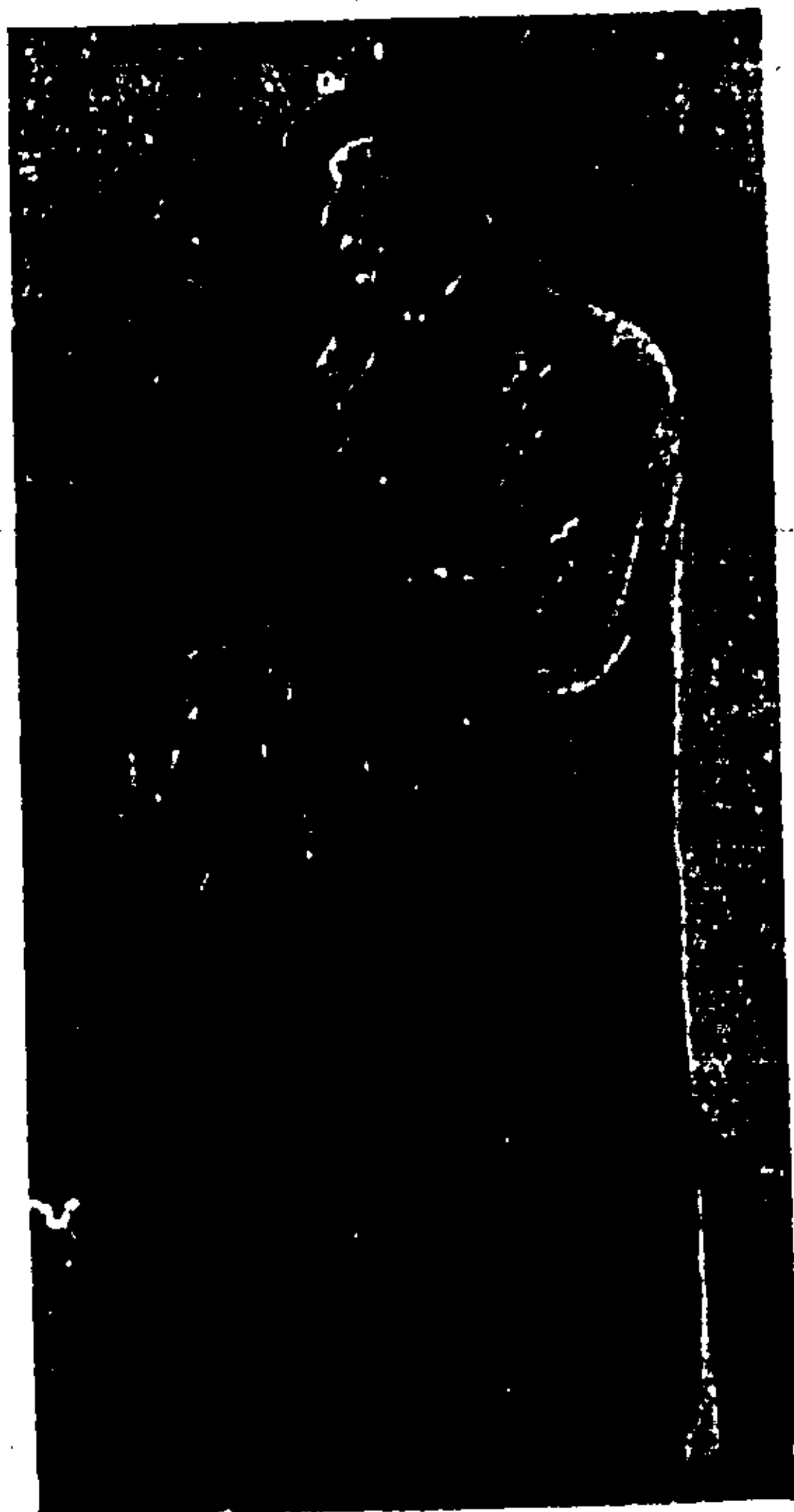
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Helsinki, To-day.

The violence of the Russian attacks in the Karelian Isthmus showed signs of falling off slightly yesterday but bitter hand-to-hand fighting had taken place in the trenches.

Finnish headquarters describe the fighting in the Summa sector as "fiercer than any battle in the world war."

The piles of Russian dead before the Finnish lines rose higher and higher, nor were the Finnish losses small.—Reuter.

## MME. CHIANG IN COLONY

THE PRESENCE OF MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK IN THE COLONY WAS CONFIRMED BY THE "CHINA MAIL" TO-DAY.

Madame Chiang's visit to Hong Kong is said to be for personal medical treatment and has no political significance.

Mr. W. H. Donald, who accompanied Madame Chiang to Hong Kong, called on the American Ambassador yesterday.

Mr. Johnson was to board a steamer this afternoon for Haiphong and will travel thence by rail to Hanoi where he will either board a train or plane for Kunming.

From Kunming he will travel by motor-bus to Chungking.

## LATEST NAZI MEASURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Nine hundred Jews were taken from Stettin yesterday bound for the Jewish "reservation" created around Lublin, in Poland.

This is the first time Jews from Germany have been sent to the reservation, which has had only Polish, Czech and Austrian inmates.—Havas.

## ROOSEVELT WANTS TWO BATTLESHIPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt yesterday told pressmen he hoped Congress would vote credits for the construction of two battleships as provided in the naval estimates sent to the House of Representatives yesterday.—Havas.

## INDIAN TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS

New Delhi, To-day.

Orders have been issued for the raising of three more battalions for the Indian Territorial Forces. Recruiting starts as soon as possible.—Reuter.

Oslo, To-day.

A U-boat has arrived at Wilhelmshaven with two survivors of the Norwegian steamer Elka (1,503 tons) which had not been heard of since January 27, according to a cable received by the owners from the Norwegian consulate in Hamburg. The Elka had a crew of 18.—Reuter.

Oslo, To-day.

It is reported that five of the crew of the Danish ship Martin Goldschmidt (2,095 tons) were rescued by a Norwegian vessel off the north-west coast of Scotland. Fifteen of the crew are reported lost.—Reuter.

Jerusalem, To-day.

The Australian troops began training in earnest yesterday. The commanding officer told Reuter: "Although the men have had only three months service I would confidently be prepared to lead them over the top now. They came to Europe to fight and the tougher the fight the better. They do not want to go to France since they don't desire to be cooped up in fortresses. They want hand-to-hand scrapping."—Reuter.

Montreal, To-day.

The body of Lord Tweedsmuir was cremated here last evening an hour after arrival from Ottawa. A brief and simple service was held, attended by Lady Tweedsmuir, the Hon. Allister Buchan, Sir Arthur Redfern and a few other mourners.—Reuter.

Vatican City, To-day.

Even the Vatican has had to come into line with the rest of Europe and has established the rationing of bread, sugar, coffee, butter, tobacco and petrol.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

An explosion, believed to be caused by Irish Republican agents, occurred about midnight at a shop in the centre of Birmingham. One man was injured and is now in hospital.

Bombs also exploded in the Birmingham suburb of Aston.

Three unexploded bombs were discovered in the centre of the city.—Reuter.

A hand bag, containing money and articles valued at US\$40, was lost by Mrs. R. E. Cassidy, wife of an officer in the U.S. Navy, between 12 midnight and 1 a.m. to-day while travelling across the harbour.

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